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AMSTERDAM	6	43	19	66
BRUSSELS	6	43	21	70
BUEENOS AIRES	15	55	28	82
CHICAGO	15	55	27	81
COPENHAGEN	18	58	18	64
FRANKFURT	13	53	23	73
GENEVA	18	58	28	82
HONG KONG	13	53	28	82
KOBE	6	43	16	61
LONDON	11	52	17	63
LISBON	6	43	13	55
MADRID	6	43	13	55
MONTREAL	5	41	15	59
NEW YORK	12	54	27	81
OSLO	8	46	22	72
PARIS	10	48	16	61
RIO DE JANEIRO	17	57	28	82
SAO PAULO	14	54	27	79
STOCKHOLM	14	57	28	82
TOKYO	17	57	28	82
TORONTO	12	54	27	81
VIENNA	13	55	27	81
ZURICH	11	53	28	82

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy, warmer.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Max
Jerusalem	15	13-24	27
Golan	26	10-24	27
Nahariya	21	12-22	25
Haifa Port	—	—	—
Tiberias	36	14-30	32
Nazareth	54	12-26	28
Afula	58	12-29	31
Shomron	17	10-25	28
Tel Aviv	54	14-24	26
B-G Airport	52	12-28	30
Jericho	21	16-33	35
Gaza	73	16-22	25
Beersheba	12	11-33	32
Eilat	19	19-33	35

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold a business meeting in the Nof Hotel at 1 o'clock today.

Haifa district deputy police commander Arye Goren is leaving his post after five years to take up an appointment as deputy head of the national police academy for senior officers. He will be replaced by Yisrael Sadan, formerly head of the northern staff division.

Pinhos Landau, *The Jerusalem Post's* Economic Reporter will speak on the latest trends in the Israeli economy at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

Drobes rejects plan to settle Gaza refugees at kibbutz site

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
TEL AVIV. — Mattityahu Drobes, the co-chairman of the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Department, yesterday pooh-poohed a proposal by his co-chairman Nissim Zvili that 500 Palestinian refugee families replace the Jewish settlers in Kibbutz Netzarim instead of being settled at Tel Sultan, near Rafah. Gaza Strip settlers joined Drobes in dismissing the proposal.

Defence establishment officials were mum on the issue. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin is abroad, and a source in the office of the coordinator of government activities in the territories said they will do whatever the political echelon decides.

Zvili has been a persistent opponent of Netzarim, an isolated kibbutz south of Gaza with 36 residents. Netzarim, which is affiliated with the religious kibbutz movement, has been a Nabal camp and a training ground for settlers until the present group took it over shortly before the 1984 Knesset elections. It is far from other Jewish settlements in the area.

Zvili argued that Netzarim's residents are heading for an unbearable situation. Some 180,000 people live in Gaza north of it, 13,000 in the

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Orthodox appeal today on Haifa Friday films

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — Local cinema owners intend to screen films on Friday nights for the first time in nearly five years, starting this weekend.

Members of the local cinema owners' association last night unanimously decided to have Sabbath screenings despite widespread opposition from Orthodox circles.

But it is not yet clear if all the city's 16 movie houses will open this Friday.

Association chairman Avi Farstein said he was confident that the majority would do so.

Farstein added that, wherever

possible, they would use non-Jews to operate projectors, collect tickets and usher people to their seats. This is in line with the recommendation of the Haifa magistrate who on Sunday lifted the ban on Sabbath screenings that had been in force in the city since December 1981.

Religious circles intend to submit an appeal against the judge's ruling to the Haifa District Court today, with a request for a further injunction to ban Friday night screenings.

Meanwhile, two rabbis, with the backing of the city's chief rabbis, She'ar Yashuv Cohen and Eliyahu Bakshi Doron, have applied to police for a licence to demonstrate

outside the Atzmon cinema on Friday night.

Applications to stage counter-demonstrations have been submitted by representatives of Mapam, Shinui, the Citizens Rights Movement and the youth wing of the Labour Party's Haifa branch. District police commander Tat Nitzav Ya'acov Haviv is to give his answer this morning.

The city council management committee, comprising representatives from all the coalition parties, including the religious bloc, yesterday urged the various groups not to organize demonstrations and disrupt

the harmonious relations that exist between all the city's residents.

Mayor Arye Gurel met leaders of the religious bloc yesterday but told them there was little he could do to stop the Friday night screening, in view of the magistrate's court decision.

But he offered to act as a mediator between the two sides in an attempt to reach a compromise solution.

Religious leaders said that Sabbath cinema shows undermine the status quo agreement on religious matters, and that they would demand the banning of public transport on the Sabbath.

Gov't to promote big building projects

Post Economic Staff
Massive private sector construction projects will not come at the expense of the state budget. Finance Minister Moshe Nissim promised yesterday.

He made the statement at a meeting initiated by Prime Minister Peres to consider how the government can aid and hasten billion dollar projects over the next few years.

These include the Mamilla project in Jerusalem, "Midron" in Jaffa, Shikmona in Haifa, projects concerned with tourism and the Eilat airport and commercial and service centres in large cities.

Peres said these plans will create jobs for thousands of construction workers.

Fuel importing costs plummet

By SHLOMO MAOZ
Post Economic Editor

Israel's fuel importing costs dropped drastically last month as worldwide oil prices reduced the \$139 million spent on fuel in April 1985 to \$66m. last month.

Experts say that if the price of oil remains stable, the country could save \$5.5b. on fuel.

The drop in fuel prices was a blessing to the Israeli economy. The total cost of importing fuel and coal dropped from \$493m. during the first third of 1985 to \$399m. in the same period this year — a 19 per cent reduction.

But overall imports, adjusted for seasonal fluctuations and excluding oil and diamonds, increased by 16 per cent during the first third of the year compared with the average level of imports during the last six months of 1985. Net imports totalled \$2,879m.

RECTOR. — Prof. Avraham Tamir was appointed this week to a two-year term as rector of Ben-Gurion University. He replaces Prof. Haim Elata, who is slated to be elected president of the university later this month by the board of governors.

IAI Astra jet project in trouble

Post Aviation Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israel Aircraft Industries last night confirmed that its Astra Executive Jet project was in trouble after only 10 of the aircraft had been sold.

An IAI spokeswoman said that the company had invested \$150 million in research and development and would have to sell 150 planes at \$5.5m. each to cover costs.

The Astra made its maiden flight in 1983 amid hopes for extensive sales in the U.S. The spokeswoman said that problems had arisen when the American authorities decided not to recognize the purchase of executive jets as a tax deductible item. All the 10 jets had been sold in the U.S., she added.

Another source said the company had also faced unforeseen technical problems with the plane. Windows in the cockpit had had to be replaced because visibility was not good.

BUSH LASHES

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investigation be voluntarily withdrawn to avoid the embarrassment of an expulsion.

In Washington yesterday Bush expressed doubt that the U.S. and other Western countries would quickly succeed in thwarting international terrorism. "I'm not too optimistic about that," he said.

But he insisted that the declaration against terrorism issued this week at the Tokyo summit would give pause to those states that sponsor terror. Bush also refused to comment when asked whether the U.S. was planning any further military action against Libya. He simply said that the U.S. reserved the right under Article 51 of the United Nations Charter to take action in legitimate self-defence.

From the White House, Rabin and his delegation drove to the Pentagon to sign an agreement on U.S.-Israeli cooperation in the research and development of the Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars). Signing for the U.S. was Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

U.S. and Israeli officials said that the agreement would enable Israeli companies to compete "on an equal basis" with their American counterparts to win some of the "Star Wars" contracts. Israel joins Britain and West Germany as the third country to participate in the programme.

Weinberger said Israel's involvement in the project will "advance the research programme and advance the cause of peace and freedom."

Rabin said Israel considered the agreement "to be a subject of great interest to the future of the free world." He hoped that Israel would be able to absorb some of the new military technologies resulting from the programme.

Rabin, meeting late in the day with Israeli reporters, said he had urged the Americans to elevate Israel to the same status as America's NATO allies in connection with winning non-Star Wars military contracts for Israeli goods and services.

The defence minister said Israel, under existing Pentagon procedures, was at a serious disadvantage in competing for such contracts.

"This kind of a thing is not decided in one visit," he said, noting that he was also raising the issue with senators and representatives. But he expressed confidence that such a new arrangement will eventually be worked out.

Israel, in recent months, has been searching for ways to make up the expected shortfall in U.S. military aid because of the budget cutting atmosphere in Washington.

Regarding terrorism, Rabin said he had explained to the Americans why Israel regarded Syria as a greater threat than Libya. But he said he understood why the U.S. was focusing primarily on Libya. "For Israel," he said, "the major problem is Syria."

Real Madrid take UEFA Cup
BERLIN (AP). — Real Madrid retained the UEFA Cup and won a record eighth European soccer title despite losing the second-leg final game against FC Cologne 2-0 here last night.

Real won the first leg 5-1 in Madrid last week and retained the Cup with a 5-3 aggregate victory.

LOTTO. — The following numbers were picked in yesterday's national lottery draw: 2, 3, 9, 10, 25, 31, and the additional number, 22.

Antique Jewish Art



Motorists on Jerusalem's Jaffa Road stand silently during the sounding of the siren to mark Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day yesterday.

Peres stresses: never forget

Jerusalem Post Staff
Large numbers of people visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem yesterday and 25,000 people attended the ceremony at Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot to mark the close of Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Day.

Prime Minister Peres, speaking at the closing ceremony, stressed the need to forgive but never to forget. He warned the dangers of complacency, saying that many Nazis came to power as a result of some people's complacency.

The prime minister said: "The memory of yesterday and the challenge of tomorrow will guide our path. We are not against the world, we are against a perverse world."

Peres called on the Soviet Union, Syria, Ethiopia and Iran to allow Jews to come to Israel. The Yitzkor (prayer for the dead) was recited as the large assembly stood with heads bowed. Six Holocaust survivors lit torches in memory of the six million, and kibbutz children laid wreaths at the foot of each plinth.

Overseas Israelis may be exempt from travel tax

Post Economic Staff
Israeli citizens living overseas may be exempted from the travel tax. Treasury officials said they would not oppose Tourism Minister Avraham

Sharir's proposal to extend the tax exemption — which at present applies only to Israeli minors living overseas — although they would not introduce such a change.

Meese accused of blocking bid to ban Waldheim from U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP). — U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese was yesterday accused of blocking efforts by the House Judiciary Committee to discuss a possible ban on Kurt Waldheim entering the United States.

The justice department turned down a second request by 15 Democrats on the committee to meet with Meese on the status of Waldheim.

The rejection came Monday in a letter to committee chairman Peter Rodino. A first request was rejected last week.

"It's an offense to the institution of the House when the attorney general stonewalls the judiciary committee," responded Representative Charles Schumer.

The Justice Department's top Nazi hunter, Neal Sber, has recommended that Waldheim, a former

UN secretary-general, be barred from entering the U.S. because he failed to disclose until recently his World War II service in the German army in the Balkans.

A 1978 law allows the United States to exclude aliens who were associated with the Nazi government and in any way participated in persecution.

Schumer said Meese's decision not to meet with the representatives "is dangerously misleading. Waldheim and others are taking the silence as a sign of vindication by the American government."

Meese's letter says that further comment would be inappropriate while the matter is under review in the Justice Department. He invited the legislators to provide the department with pertinent information on the Waldheim matter.

WJC charges boosted support for Waldheim

VIENNA. — It is regarded as an open secret here that the charges raised by World Jewish Congress secretary-general Israel Singer gave Kurt Waldheim a tremendous boost in the first round of the Austrian presidential election.

Waldheim came within a percentage point of victory in the vote on Sunday. Now, as the campaign gets under way for the run-off vote on June 8, the official Israeli stance could well give Waldheim victory over Socialist candidate Kurt Steyrer. Israeli threats of suspending diplomatic ties with Austria if Waldheim is elected, as well as other critical comments by Israeli leaders, are likely to backfire.

The first signs of this trend could

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already been seen this week. Once the controversy over Waldheim reached an official level, official Austria had to respond. Yesterday both Chancellor Fred Sinowatz and Foreign Minister Leopold Gratz came out against foreign intervention.

In order to win the second round, Steyrer has to gain 300,000 votes in June. But he does have a large pool of potential supporters: some

200,000 of those who cast ballots for Waldheim this week are seen as defectors from the Socialist Party. Environmentalist candidate Freda Meissner-Blau, now out of the running, took 256,000 votes in the first round, and 150,000 Austrians cast blank ballots. In addition, thousands of people who did not vote at all this week could be brought into the Steyrer camp.

Waldheim's conservative People's Party wanted to hold the run-off vote on May 25. But the Socialists, who need to close the 6 per cent gap between Steyrer and Waldheim, did not agree to this proposal.

Meissner-Blau has refused to advise her supporters how to vote in

the next round. But she has said that if Waldheim wins, the case against him will remain in the public eye and Austrians will have to deal with their past. If Steyrer wins, she believes, discussion of the past will once again be swept aside.

The Socialists have already stopped focusing on Waldheim's past, and it looks as if they would like Jewish and Israeli leaders to do the same. They are now emphasizing the future and ecological issues.

One reason for hope for Steyrer: Socialist voters who wanted to protest against their party's policies were shocked by the outcome of Sunday's vote. They may well decide to return to the fold rather than cast another protest ballot.



Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone (back to camera) of Japan chats with U.S. President Ronald Reagan as heads of the delegations for the Tokyo Summit get together for the first separate session on Monday at Akasaka Palace.

Summit allows restoration of facade of unity

TOKYO (AFP). — The Tokyo summit that ended here yesterday will be remembered chiefly for its denunciation of Libya as an agent of terrorism.

The statement on terrorism, specifically mentioning Libya, which so gratified U.S. President Reagan, allowed the restoration of a facade of Western unity, damaged by the April 15 U.S. bombing raid on Libya.

The Libya reference in the tough statement on terrorism was included thanks to the intervention of Reagan's firmest ally, British Prime Minister Thatcher, who succeeded in reconciling differing opinions.

The White House spokesman saw the statement as recognition by the

seven summit countries that Libya was "clearly implicated" in terrorism, and as a sort of tacit backing for possible further U.S. military operations against Tripoli.

But some European partners remained cautious. Italian Premier Bettino Craxi pointed out that the U.S. should consult its partners in the event of a new attack.

The statement did not denounce recourse to military action against terrorism.

Observers here pointed out that Reagan yielded on many issues in order to secure what he most wanted, the signature of the other six nations on a statement denouncing Libya.

While Japanese Premier Yasuhiro

Nakasone can congratulate himself on hosting a successful summit, the fact remains that he failed to win an undertaking from the U.S. for a revaluation of the dollar against the yen.

This would have helped Japan to export even more, a U.S. source said.

Craxi will return to Italy in triumph, having won the concession that Italy and Canada will now join partners in the Group of Five — Britain, France, West Germany, Japan and the U.S. — as an enlarged group of seven for half-yearly talks on the major Western monetary concerns.

But U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker stressed that the com-

promise deal, aimed at preventing an open row, would not alter the special role of the G-5, a secret shrouded informal body that has played a key part in overseeing the floating exchange rate system set up 12 years ago.

The developing world received scant attention in Tokyo. Two years ago in London, the question of the Third World debt dominated the summit.

This year, it was agreed between finance ministers, and on U.S. insistence, that the situation was "under control."

The final statement also did not mention the Israeli idea of a type of "Marshall Plan" for the Middle East, previously backed by the U.S.

The Sea of Halacha
Map of the Oral Law
Edited by Abba Kovner
Dob Handwritten

A beautiful full colour replication of the symbolic map of the same name on display at Beth Hatefutsoth. The Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora. It traces the complete chronological development and diversifications of the Oral Law to present day Halacha, graphically identifying the outstanding events, personalities, places, and trends. A superb instrument for teaching adults and children. Edited by Abba Kovner, design and graphics by Tehila Har-Gil, published by Rolnik-Keter Ltd. Size 66.5cm x 94cm. Available in rolled poster form, suitable for framing or as folded poster with detailed reference material printed on the back. Price NIS 10.— each.

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The rise and fall of a million-dollar manager

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

David Balas, the financier whose arrest was announced on Monday evening, has become a household name since the media "discovered" him in January 1985. His complicated financial dealings with the United Kibbutz Movement (UKM) and his lesser-known involvement with Bank Discount, have rarely left the financial pages, and have occasionally made front-page news.

Balas hit the stock market headlines almost a year earlier, in the early months of 1984. In the post bank-share crash atmosphere that prevailed at the time, Balas's tens of millions of dollars in managed funds became the leading factor in determining which direction the shrunken market would take.

As later became clear, most of the Balas millions came from the kibbutzim — despite the fact that the UKM had already been taken to the cleaners by the Rieger-Fishman portfolio and fund management team, and then again in the bank-share fiasco. Balas bought what were considered undervalued shares of major companies. The prices of these shares had already fallen by large margins in the course of 1983; unfortunately, most of them carried on falling through 1984 as well, at least in real

terms in that year of hyperinflation.

But the share market was never Balas's real stamping-ground. He had started his financial career in real-estate brokerage, and moved on to the non-bank or "grey" market for loans, where he became one of the biggest players. According to some analysts, it was the effect of the first package deal, from November 1984 to January 1985, that led to his undoing. Inflation fell but nominal interest rates stayed high, sending lenders from the risky grey market to the safe, official bank-deposit market, and creating considerable problems for borrowers in the grey market when their repayments fell due.

The stock market, which had been rising for months, got wind of Balas's grey-market problems in January 1985. The UKM, it was said (and later confirmed), had demanded that Balas return hundreds of millions of dollars worth of loans, because it had discovered that the collateral he had put up was not good. Balas had apparently deposited very large sums with his banker, Bank Discount, in a tapes deposit (a kind of negotiable certificate of deposit). At some stage, Balas liquidated the deposit. Nevertheless, he succeeded somehow — the bank claims there was a human error — in obtaining a



David Balas

certificate of deposit. He gave this certificate to the UKM, but when the UKM presented it in the expectation of getting money, it was sent away empty-handed.

This explains how Bank Discount suddenly, in 1985, became the bank most intimately involved with the kibbutzim, after having traditionally had very little to do with them. Discount had to sort out its blunder. Balas had to make good on his loans, and the UKM wanted its money

back to help bail out member kibbutzim which were sinking under the weight of their debts.

For the better part of 1985 negotiations between the three, with Banks Hapolim and Leumi assisting Discount as best they could, since the UKM was their client as well (primarily in fact). Eventually a solution was worked out whereby Discount and the other banks floated bond issues whose proceeds went to the UKM to reschedule its short-term loans, while Balas raised other funds to cover his obligations. The blocks of shares he owned, which had been frozen by Discount, were released under the new arrangement and transferred to the UKM. The UKM is believed to be selling off these shares gradually in the market.

It would appear that, in tandem with the unknotting of its financial entanglement, the UKM proceeded with its internal investigation of the relationship, including alleged fraud, between Balas and the managers of its investment arm, Eshet Kesafim. In the course of this investigation, the UKM lodged complaints with the police, triggering a series of appearances by Balas before police for questioning, and leading to Balas's arrest and that of his assistant, Zvi Aharoni.

Shcharansky leaves today for 10-day visit to the U.S.

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Anatoly Shcharansky is to leave Israel today for a 10-day visit to the U.S., his first trip abroad since he arrived in Israel three months ago from a Soviet labour camp.

Shcharansky, a leading Soviet Jewish activist who served nine years of a 13-year sentence for treason and anti-Soviet slander before he was released in February, is expected to meet President Reagan and other U.S. administration officials who were instrumental in securing his freedom.

He will also meet with leaders of Soviet Jewish activist groups in the U.S. and will be the guest of honour at a \$500-a-plate fund-raising dinner in New York.

But he will not be accompanied by his wife, Avital, who campaigned tirelessly for his release from the Soviet Union since she arrived in Israel the day after their marriage in July 1974. It was announced this week that she is pregnant and has been advised by her doctor not to travel.

Coinciding with Shcharansky's visit to the U.S., the major New York publishing house Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich will announce publication in the fall of a book on

Anatoly and Avital written by a team of senior Jerusalem Post writers.

The book, which reflects The Post's extensive coverage of Soviet Jewish affairs, traces Shcharansky's life from his childhood, in the Ukrainian city of Donetsk, to his days in the Soviet Union's most prestigious scientific institute in Moscow, to his membership of the Jewish activist movement and his subsequent arrest, trial and imprisonment.

It also includes an exclusive account of the diplomatic efforts to secure his release and a description of his arrival "home" in Israel.

The book was written by Louis Rapoport, Abraham Rabinovich, Robert Rosenberg and Douglas Davis in Jerusalem, with additional material from Washington correspondent Wolf Blitzer, New York correspondent Walter Ruby and Bonn correspondent Vladimir Struminski.

SWIMMING — The bathing season opens in Haifa on Friday. Lifeguards will be on duty at the five municipality-controlled beaches — Kiryat Haim, Bat Galim, Samir, Hof Hacarmel and Dado — from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

Arab peasant families' cave reconstructed

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIBBUTZ LAHAV — A falah (peasant) cave in which four Arab families lived before 1948 has been reconstructed for public viewing near the Joe Alon Centre here.

"This is perhaps the only such cave ever reconstructed in Israel," explained Nabhan Makani, a Beduin guide. "The poor Arab *falah* lived in caves until recently, while the southern Beduin, who lived in tents, wouldn't be caught dead in a cave." The Arabs in the lower Hebron hills, especially in the region of Yata and Dura, lived in cave concentrations. The cave was divided into three areas and occupied mainly at night.

"The children of the original cave dwellers — who now live in villas in Daharya — came to help us with advice," said Orna Goren, curator of the centre's Beduin section. "We have some 3,000 slides, probably the world's largest collection, about Beduin life and lore."

Goren added that when groups of Beduin children visit the museum, they are excited even though they remember nothing of the old culture. "They ask lots of questions and take lots of photographs. On the other hand, when older Beduin arrive, they are touched and animated. Most of them are especially struck by the bride camel that used to carry young women to their husbands' families. They stop, look and reminisce about their first and second wives."

The centre was built a year ago at a cost of \$1m. One-third of its operating expenses comes from ticket sales, and almost another third from the Bnei Shimon and Omer councils.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Shower with a friend, says water company

TIBERIAS (Itim) — Israelis should begin showering in couples to save water, Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Yakobovitch said here yesterday.

If the public wants to avoid having faucets run dry, he said, it should adopt all possible measures to save water. Laws, for instance, should not be watered for at least the next month.

Yakobovitch said the recent rains had allowed farmers to avoid irrigating for several days, but had not added a drop to the country's water reserves.

Black market swoop

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — Police have confiscated foreign currency worth tens of thousands of dollars in the past few months in an ongoing crackdown against illegal money dealers, district commander Tel-Nitzav Ya'acov Haviv told reporters yesterday.

He said police were concentrating on dealers operating around Habankim Street in the downtown area. Three suspects were arrested on Sunday, when foreign currency amounting to 500 dollars, 1,800 German marks, 500 Swiss francs, 200 French francs and 20 Jordanian dinars was confiscated.

Haviv added that there had been a 22 per cent drop in the number of break-ins and property crimes in the last three months, following an annual increase of between 7 and 10 per cent in the past four years.

Zim says 3 ex-workers sold company secrets

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — The Zim shipping company has sued three of its former employees for allegedly abusing confidential company information to further their own business. The three who are being sued for NIS 250,000 allegedly set up the business while still in Zim's employ. They were dismissed last November.

Zim charged that Menahem Zisman and Sarah and Yosef Galper surreptitiously obtained information concerning Zim's clients and operations and sold it to the highest bidders, through an office they opened last year for shipping and other business deals.

Policeman charged with torturing prisoner

PETAH TIKVA (Itim) — A police staff sergeant-major from the Samaria subdistrict was charged in the police disciplinary court here yesterday with beating a prisoner with electric cords to force him to confess to a murder.

According to the charge sheet, Yosef Oren and two local Samaria policemen took Tashin Daher from the Kalkiya look-up to Tulkarm on the night of March 2, 1983. They then allegedly beat him until he lost consciousness and needed medical care.



A reconstructed peasant cave, in which four Arab families lived before 1948 near the Joe Alon Centre in the Negev. (Avraham Hay)

Extra pressure on pupils taking matriculation this year

By JOEL REBIBO
For The Jerusalem Post

An Israel Defence Forces request that matriculation examinations conclude two weeks early and the introduction of a more elaborate English oral examination have created additional pressures for pupils taking this year's exams, due to start May 18.

"We were told that pupils arriving at recruitment centres the day after taking final exams are tense and that this complicates their transition to military life," Education Ministry spokesman Yisrael Cohen told The Jerusalem Post.

"We agreed to the IDF request because there was no choice, but we will not allow this to become an annual thing."

Prof. Baruch Nevo, head of the National Institute of Testing and Evaluation, blamed the pressure of a shorter testing period for both a mathematics exam and a university admissions test being scheduled for June 19.

"We gave notice more than a year ago of our schedule," Nevo said. "It's hard for me to understand why they couldn't have scheduled a less

popular bagrut subject like agriculture or Talmud on that day." Teachers give high marks to a new English matriculation exam that requires role playing and more extensive discussion, but are critical of the way the test is being implemented.

The new format requires 20 minutes for each pupil. In a class of 38 pupils, says Tel Aviv English teacher Marsha Saks, the test can continue late into the night.

"We were not allowed to absent ourselves from the usual school duties, and the oral exam could only be arranged for the afternoon," said Saks. "We began at 3.30 p.m., after a regular workday, and continued testing until 10 at night. This meant that both the pupils and the examiners were required to be as alert as they were during the morning hours."

According to Jerusalem high school pupils, teachers and pupils have been under considerable pressure to complete the curriculum in less time this year.

"I think it's harder on the teachers than on us, but we are all under much more pressure," one pupil said.

Ethiopians from Eilat strike to press for transfer north

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA — Eight young Ethiopian families from Eilat have begun a sit-down strike near the offices of the Absorption Ministry here in a bid to be transferred to the central region.

The Ethiopians say that they have not found work in Eilat. They also complained that they were isolated from other Ethiopians in Israel. Although they want to live in an integrated neighbourhood, they would like to live in a community with a greater Ethiopian population, they said.

The ministry claims that the immigrants have not applied for work, and has decided not to bow to their demands, The Jerusalem Post has

learned. "They have no reason to transfer from a city that wants them and has welcomed them warmly," a ministry official said.

Of the 15 other families of Ethiopian immigrants in Eilat, eight are fully absorbed and getting better-than-average salaries, a municipality official said yesterday. "The other seven are hard cases, mostly single-parent families, and we have decided to move them north in the coming months. These striking families must have found out about this plan and decided to try to force us to move them as well."

Some 20 per cent of the estimated 15,000 Ethiopian olim who have come to Israel since 1980 live in the south.

Stevedores may start go-slow

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The country's ports authorities fear that 1,200 striking stevedores will start a go-slow on returning to work today.

The stevedores, who are pressing wage demands, struck for 24 hours without prior notice and without seeking Histadrut approval of their action, paralysing the country's three ports yesterday morning.

Only a single freighter, the grain carrier m.s. Mordechai Makleff, was worked, at the Dagon silo in Haifa. Workers continued unload-

ing her cargo of 33,000 tons of imported grain as usual.

The other freighters in Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat were struck, at an estimated cost of \$250,000 to their owners.

The dispute is over the men's demand for an upgrading of all stevedores, in line with the framework agreement they signed with the Ports Authority two years ago. The two extra grades, which would yield them an 11 per cent pay rise, were not applied as a result of the general freeze.

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Scientists bid to prevent spread of Legionnaire's disease

By JUDY SIEGEL

Scientists in Israel and abroad are examining different types of plastics for plumbing to prevent the spread of Legionnaire's disease, the dreaded malady that was only identified after it killed 27 Americans at a convention a decade ago.

The sudden breakout of the disease among participants in the American Legion convention in a Philadelphia hotel caused great panic among U.S. health officials and the public, who feared a possible epidemic.

An international seminar on legionella, the bacteria that cause the pneumonia-like disease, ended yesterday at the Hadassah-University Hospital and the Hebrew University. It was organized by

French-born Prof. Hillel Bercovier, the top Israeli expert in the disease who is a microbiologist at the medical school in Jerusalem.

Also attending the seminar were Dr. Ida Boldur of Assaf Harofeh Hospital; Dr. Don Brenner of Atlanta's Centre for Disease Control, who first identified the bacterial cause; and other experts from North America, Europe and New Zealand.

Brenner found that the disease had been caused by bacteria which had grown in the air-conditioning ducts of the hotel. "The disease had been around for a long time but it wasn't identified until then," said Bercovier in an interview.

According to the Health Ministry, there were 70 reported cases in Israel in 1980, 10 in 1982, 23 in 1983, two in

1984 and only one last year.

Local doctors were required by law to report cases of the disease, starting in 1984. But most experts believe that, as with other notifiable diseases, some physicians are lax in reporting them to the authorities, so that the figures do not necessarily reflect the incidence of Legionnaire's disease in the country.

Bercovier, who came on aliyah in 1980 and spent time at the Atlanta Centre for Disease Control to study the disease, says that older people and those with weak immunity are the primary victims. If it occurs in infants and children, it is always mild. The bacteria can be detected in blood tests and DNA probes.

It can be successfully treated with antibiotics in the early stage, before

respiratory functioning breaks down. Most Israeli hospitals — although not all family physicians — are able to recognize the complex symptoms of the disease, says Bercovier. Patients treated correctly begin to improve within a day or two and can be sent home for outpatient treatment.

The bacteria spread only in the form of water vapour, never from man to man or animal to man, says Bercovier. They thrive under specific conditions, such as heat and high humidity.

The seminar discussed ways of preventing the spread of the bacteria, which are sometimes resistant to chlorine. Certain plastic pipes promote their growth, while others apparently retard it.

S. Laddie Kert, 87

Jerusalem Post Reporter

One of Israel's most dedicated supporters in Canada, S. Laddie Kert, died in Montreal on May 1 at the age of 87.

For many years Kert was chairman of Keren Kayemet of Canada and the United Jewish Appeal. The "Negev Dinners," successful fund-raising events, were his creation.

A.S.

Gerda Luft, journalist, at 88

Gerda Luft, one of Israel's most experienced journalists, died this week at the age of 88. She covered the local scene for over half a century as a correspondent for leading European newspapers and was, from 1949 to 1960, economic and political commentator for The Jerusalem Post.

Luft was the first wife of Haim Arlosoroff, the Labour leader who was murdered in Tel Aviv in 1933.

Luft was born in Koenigsberg, East Prussia, on April 20, 1898. While a student at the Berlin medical school in 1919 she met Arlosoroff, a poet, writer and political leader who turned her into an enthusiastic Zionist. They were married and had a daughter Shulamit. In 1924 she followed her husband to Israel.

They divorced in 1927. Gerda then married Zvi Luft, one of the founders and top executives of the Hassaneh insurance company, and had two more children. When her second husband died in 1934, Luft

dedicated herself to journalism.

During the '30s and '40s Luft was deeply involved in the successful resettlement of Central European Jews, especially immigrants from Germany. She was one of the founders of Hitahdut Olei Germania, and the leader writer of their weekly Mitteilungsblatt.

Apart from her considerable work for The Jerusalem Post, she became a regular correspondent for the Economist in London, the Zuercher Zeitung, the Juedische Rundschau, Radio Frankfurt, the Reinischer Merkur in Cologne and a score of other foreign and local publications. She also wrote leading articles for Ha'aretz.

She is survived by her children and grandchildren. The funeral leaves at 1 o'clock today from the Tel Aviv Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Dafna, for the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery. A.Z.

Water today to be cut off from northern moshavim

Jerusalem Post Reporter
KIRYAT SHMONA — Mekorot is cutting its water supply to northern border moshavim from today, after repeated appeals for payment of the

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Sikh gunmen shoot up school

AMRITSAR (AP) - Sikh terrorists yesterday burst into a primary school and fired indiscriminately, killing three Hindu teachers and wounding two others, police said.

The deaths of 28 people, mostly Hindus, in terrorist shootings in the past five days appear to be in revenge for last week's raid on the Golden Temple by thousands of troops and police.

The killings mark the bloodiest spurt of terrorism this year in India's troubled Punjab state, home of the 13 million-member Sikh minority.

City police said two Sikhs armed with automatic guns entered a suburban school, sprayed gunfire and then escaped. The dead were identified as two teachers and a clerk - all Hindus. A Sikh teacher and a Hindu teacher were hospitalized with serious gunshot wounds.

Police said they found at the scene a letter signed by the Khalistan Commando Force (KCF) terrorist group claiming responsibility for the shootings and threatening more attacks. "We will execute more Hindus unless police withdraw from the Golden Temple," the note reportedly said. It was the first time a group had claimed responsibility for shootings since the temple raid.

Hundreds of armed police remain inside the temple complex at Amritsar to prevent its recapture by extremists and separatists.

The KCF, headed by Manbir Singh, 28, was suspected by authorities to be behind Monday's slaying of Sukhdev Singh Sakira, one of India's top Sikh fugitives whose capture was worth more than \$8,000.

U.S. said considering new strike at Libya

NEW YORK - The U.S. is drafting contingency plans for a missile attack against Libya if it is linked to further terrorist attacks, a television network reported last night.

CBS News said no decision had yet been made to strike Libya again, but the Reagan administration was currently debating which targets should be hit in such an attack, which would be launched by missile-carrying ships.

U.S. planes blasted military targets and alleged terrorist training bases in Libya three weeks ago after President Reagan said Libya was behind the bombing of a West Berlin discotheque frequented by U.S. servicemen.

Quoting informed sources, CBS said Secretary of State George Shultz favours a new attack but Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger opposes it.

It said the administration decided to use cruise missiles armed with conventional explosives to eliminate the risk of losing pilots.

Defence Department spokesman said Weinberger felt Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi got the right message with the first raid, and force should be the last resort, barring "some future atrocity."

On Monday, Abu Abbas, leader of the Palestine Liberation Front group, said that his organization would start operating within the U.S.

In an NBC television interview, Abbas, who admits to being behind the hijacking of the cruise liner Achille Lauro last October, also said he now considers that Reagan has replaced Israel as the number-one enemy of the Palestinian people.

Speaking through an interpreter in an undisclosed country, he said: "In the beginning, our operations were only targeted at the Israeli enemy in Israel. America is now conducting the war against us on behalf of Israel. We therefore have to respond against America in America itself."

Meanwhile a participant at a conference on U.S. media coverage of terrorism proposed on Monday that criminal sanctions be imposed against news organizations that report statements by hostage-takers.

The conference was sponsored by the Conservative National Forum Foundation.

The most extreme proposal for restricting coverage came from Bruce Fein, vice president of the Washington public relations and lobbying firm, Gray and Co. He said Congress should make it a criminal offense for a media to carry statements by those who take hostages or report that a particular hostage is an employee of the U.S. government. (Reuter, A.P.)

200th ship hit in Persian Gulf

BAHRAIN (Reuter) - Two tankers were hit in apparent Iraqi missile attacks in the Persian Gulf in the last 24 hours and at least one was ablaze, shipping sources in the region said yesterday.

They named the ships as the Liberator ship Energy Mobility and the Cyprus-registered Superior. The Energy Mobility, hit near the main Iranian oil terminal at Kharg Island in the northern gulf, was said to be on fire, while the Superior reported it needed no assistance. Further details were not immediately available.

The attacks bring to 200 the number of ships known to have been attacked or damaged by both Iran and Iraq in the gulf since May 1981.



Farouk Salameh (left) and Fayed Sahawneh, the two Jordanians suspected of taking part in the La Belle discotheque bombing. (Reuter telephoto)

Two Jordanians held for Berlin disco attack

BERLIN (AP) - West Berlin police said yesterday they had arrested two Jordanian-born men on suspicion of taking part in La Belle discotheque bombing in which two people, one a U.S. serviceman, were killed and 230 others injured.

The disco bombing led to American bombing strikes on the Libyan cities of Tripoli and Benghazi 10 days later on April 15. The U.S. claims that Libya was behind the disco attack.

West Berlin police already earlier arrested a Palestinian, Ahmed Nawaf Mansur Hasi, in connection with the bombing.

Police, in a statement, identified the two Jordanians arrested Thursday as Farouk Salameh, 39, and 34-year-old Fayed Sahawneh.

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Accused spy denies knowing his Chinese lover was a man

PARIS (AP) - A former French Embassy employee in China, on trial for spying, claimed on Monday that he was blackmailed into passing documents to the Peking government because of his affair with a man - whom he thought was a woman.

Bernard Boursicot, 41, is charged with passing some 30 unclassified documents to officials in Peking between 1969 and 1972. Shi Pei Pu, a former singer in the Chinese opera, and a writer, is charged as an accomplice.

Both men, arrested in Paris in 1983, face from one to 20 years in prison.

French counter-espionage officials quoted in court documents, said Boursicot gave the diplomatic documents to a Chinese intelligence officer identified only as Kang. They said Kang got Boursicot to cooperate by threatening to reveal the nature of his relationship with Shi.

In court Boursicot maintained that he was mistaken about Shi's gender until their arrest. "It's true, I believed it for nearly 20 years... we were young and I was naive. We would meet secretly, have sexual relations in the dark," Boursicot said. "We were always being watched by the Chinese."

Boursicot said he met Shi in 1964 when he went to Peking as an aide-accountant at the embassy. He was then posted outside China and on his return in 1969 learned that Shi had a child, which he thought was his. The child proved to be adopted.

"I was never really sure whether I was a man or a woman," Shi told the court. He maintained he was unaware of the transfer of documents. Boursicot described them as "papers and newspaper articles...without much interest, sometimes reproduced 100 times and without any secret character."

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

Bogus pilot nabbed at Colombo Airport

COLOMBO (Reuter) - A Tamil posing as an Air Lanka pilot has been arrested following the bombing of one of the airline's planes at Colombo Airport, police said yesterday.

Belfast man denies bombing Thatcher's hotel

LONDON (AP) - A Belfast man yesterday pleaded not guilty to planting an Irish Republican Army bomb which blew up Prime Minister Thatcher's hotel in Brighton and killed five people in October 1984.

Patrick Magee, 34, looked relaxed and smiled towards the public gallery as he was led into the dock of London's Old Bailey Central Criminal Court, which was ringed with armed police.

Chained women protest new Indian divorce law

NEW DELHI (Reuter) - India's parliament yesterday passed a bill denying civil delinquency to divorced Moslem women after a stormy debate in which opponents said the law would reduce the women to the status of animals.

More than 100 women protesters draped in chains were arrested outside parliament as the lower house approved the bill 372-54 after a bitter 14-hour debate.

Radiation - there's no escaping it

BOSTON (AP) - Radiation is inescapable. It falls from the sky and rises from the ground. Granite buildings emit it, as do the elements in human bodies.

During a typical year, most people receive as much radiation from natural sources as from nuclear reactors and X-rays. Even extra radiation that fell in West Europe after the Chernobyl disaster was relatively small.

One common source is cosmic rays from space. The atmosphere protects people from most cosmic radiation, but exposure increases with elevation.

"I would like to tell people that as they flew back from Europe, they received more radiation exposure than probably anybody outside the Kiev area close to the reactor received," said Nobel laureate Rosalyn Yalow of the Bronx Veterans Administration Hospital in New York City.

Yalow, who won the Nobel prize in medicine in 1977 for the develop-

ment of a system which uses radioactive isotopes to measure hormone levels, said people flying at 13,000 metres get 1 millirem of radiation an hour - assuming there are no sun-spots, which increase it.

"Airline crews who fly across the ocean on the average receive as much or more radiation exposure as do nuclear power workers," she said.

Generally, people receive about 100 millirem of radiation a year from natural sources. U.S. guidelines for employees at nuclear power plants limit radiation exposure to 3,000 millirem per three-month period.

However, exposure differs from place to place, depending on the altitude and variations in the natural sources of radiation in the earth. For instance, people living on the U.S. Atlantic seaboard get about 65 millirem a year from natural sources, while in Denver they receive about 150.

Another source of radiation is diagnostic X-rays. The average

annual dose from medical X-rays is 77 millirem, while dental X-rays add one more.

Luminous-dial watches, airport X-ray scanners, smoke detectors, electron microscopes and cardiac pacemakers, and building materials such as granite and concrete can release tiny amounts of radioactivity, which add up to about 4 or 5 millirem a year.

If radiation exposure is high enough, it can cause cancer and genetic damage. But cancer takes time, 30 or 40 years may elapse before a high dose of radiation causes this disease. No one knows whether ubiquitous low-level radiation does any harm.

"We can't be sure it doesn't have some effect," said Dr. Warren Sinclair, president of the National Council on Radiation Protection and measurement. "But we've lived with it for a long time, and it's certain that we can't see its effects if, indeed, it has any."

SPORTS

Indians revel on the heights

NEW YORK (AP) - The Cleveland Indians continued a surge that has taken them to the dizzying heights of first place in the American League East with a 10-inning, 5-4 victory over the Kansas City Royals, a centre piece of Monday night's baseball action.

And they needed it to stay on top. Because the New York Yankees - only 12 percentage points behind - defeated the slump-ridden Chicago White Sox 4-1.

With the bases loaded and with one out in the bottom of the 10th, Pat Tabler slipped an RBI single off the chest of second baseman Frank White. "That's a nice spot for Tabler," Cleveland manager Pat Corrales said. Tabler is now 24-for-38 (.632) in bases-loaded situations for Cleveland.

The score had been tied 4-4 when the Indians loaded the bases in the 10th inning against Kansas City's ace reliever, Dan Quisenberry. Tabler bunted a hard grounder at White, who was drawn in for a possible play at the plate, and Tabler feared it might be a double-play ball.

Elsewhere in the American League, it was Toronto 10, Oakland 6; Boston 3, California 0; Milwaukee 3, Seattle 1; Detroit 10, Texas 3.

Sunday's games: Boston 4, Oakland 1; Texas 4, New York 3; Detroit 4, Minnesota 1; Toronto 3, Seattle 2; Cleveland 4, Chicago 4; 16 innings Milwaukee 5, California 3; Kansas City 11, Baltimore 0.

In the National League, it was Montreal 6, Philadelphia 4, and Atlanta 4, Cincinnati 3 in 11 innings.

Sunday's games: Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 1; New York 7, Cincinnati 2; Montreal 7, Houston 6; St. Louis 3, Los Angeles 1; Pittsburgh 5, San Diego 2; San Francisco 2, Chicago 1, 16 innings, 1st game; San Francisco 2, Chicago 1, 2nd game.

Boston trail the front running Indians and Yankees by half a game at the top of the AL East while the Angels host Kansas City and Texas by 1½ games in the West.

The Mets are five full games ahead of Montreal in the NL East while Houston 1½ in front of the Giants in the West.

Unselfish Lineker

LONDON (Reuter) - Gary Lineker sacrificed the chance of his fifth hat-trick of the season late on Monday night to strike a psychological blow for Everton before Saturday's English FA Cup final against Liverpool.

The England striker had already scored twice against West Ham in the battle to clinch the second place in the league before Liverpool when Ray Stewart headed in the goal for a penalty. But Lineker declined the chance, letting Trevor Steven take the kick that clinched Everton's 3-1 win.

"It was more important for Trevor to knock one in before the final. It gives him a bit in case we get a penalty at Wembley," said Lineker who has cracked in 39 goals during the season. Carville are relegated from the Second Division after they lost their final game, while Blackburn defeated Grimsby.

Guest athletes here for season opener

Twenty-four athletes from West Germany, Belgium and Northern Ireland will join local stars in a two-day track and field meet on Saturday and Sunday at the Hadar Yosef Stadium in Tel Aviv.

The early season meet precedes the 50th annual national and field competition at the end of the month, in which a number of other top guest athletes are expected to make an appearance.

World at his feet

SHEFFIELD (Reuter) - Joe Johnson woke up yesterday with snooker's world crown on his hung-over head, a cheque for £70,000 in his pocket and the world at his feet.

The twice married 33-year-old father of six from Bradford in the north of England who had been a 150-1 outsider for the crown had a partisan crowd of 900 and a television audience of millions in raptures as he cut down compatriot Steve Davis 18-12 in the final here.

Bucks shrug off Barkley's points

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Ricky Pierce scored 21 points and Paul Pressey 15, leading the Milwaukee Bucks to a 109-104 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers on Monday night and deadlocking their NBA playoff series at two games apiece.

The Bucks, Central Division champions, regained the homecourt edge in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference semi-final series and will meet the 76ers in Milwaukee for game five tonight. The sixth game is in Philadelphia on Friday night.

Milwaukee won despite 37 points by the 76ers' Charles Barkley, who had earlier received an award as the top player in the NBA based on a computerized evaluation of all statistical categories.

The teams battled through an even first half in which they were tied at 27 after a period and at 60 at halftime.

Montreal leave it late

NEW YORK (AP) - Claude Lemieux's breakaway goal at 9:41 of overtime gave the Montreal Canadiens a 4-3 victory over the New York Rangers and a commanding 3-0 lead in their NHL Stanley Cup semifinal round playoff series.

The winners of the series will go on to the NHL championship round against the winners of the Campbell Conference final between Calgary and St. Louis.

The Rangers, who outshot the Canadiens 12-4 in the third period, also had several excellent opportunities to score early in overtime. But they were blunted by the acrobatic saves of Montreal rookie goaltender Patrick Roy.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF - Australia's Greg Norman was the richest prize of the PGA tour here Saturday by outlasting 3-3 record in the 90-hole PGA Las Vegas Invitational. Dan Pelt was next on 340.

TENNIS - Peru's Pablo Arraya mastered the history winds and outlasted 11th-seeded Henrik Lundstrom 7-6, 6-4, 7-6 in the opening match of the \$615,000 event in New York. Other first-round winners, on the artificial clay surface, included Milan Sticher of Czechoslovakia, Mexico's Leonardo Lavalle, Ricardo Acuna of Chile, Bruno Ojeda of Yugoslavia, Uruguay's Diego, Bruno Ojeda of Yugoslavia, Uruguay's Erickson and Brian Tomasic, all of the U.S. The top seeds in the 64-player tournament were Ivan Lendl, Boris Becker, Joakim Nyström and Yashick Noth.

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Sexist laws

YA'ACOV LAMDAN

THE LAWS relating to matrimony in the Arab countries deny women most of their natural rights. An Arab woman is not entitled to oppose her husband's marriage to a second, younger woman, and in most cases she must serve her husband and his new wife. The husband is permitted to divorce his wife without her consent, and even in her absence. These and other injustices were recently given attention by an Iraqi female jurist, who called on Arab legislators to correct them.

The jurist, attorney Leila Hassan Marouf, researched the status of women in the Arab world and presented her findings to an international conference on the same theme, held recently in Cairo. Marouf found that secular law in all but a single Arab country permits bigamy. Tunisia is the only Arab country that prohibits the practice, and even punishes bigamy by fine or imprisonment.

Two other North African countries, Morocco and Algeria, have given a woman the right to divorce her husband if he takes a second wife. Moroccan and Algerian women are even allowed to determine in the marriage contract that the husband may not take a second wife. Such an agreement is valid, even though these countries' laws permit bigamy.

The laws of Egypt and South Yemen determine that a husband's

second marriage in opposition to the wishes of his first wife will be considered an infringement of her rights. But while the woman is allowed to claim compensatory damages, she is still not entitled to sue for divorce for this reason.

EXCEPT FOR Tunisia, no Arab country has limited the right of the Moslem husband - anchored in the Sharia, or Moslem religious law - to divorce his wife without her consent. A number of Arab countries have made the validity of a divorce contingent upon its being registered in the religious court; but not necessarily upon its being enacted by the court.

Under the Sharia, it is sufficient for a Moslem husband to repeat the formula, "You are (or 'She is') divorced," three times before witnesses, for the divorce to take effect. Should the husband regret his decision, he cannot re-marry his former wife until she has wed and been divorced by another man.

Under a new amendment to the Egyptian law on marriage and divorce, passed by parliament several months ago, the husband is required to inform his wife of his decision to divorce her. Such notice must be given in writing to the registrar of marriage and divorce, whereupon the divorce takes effect; failure to do so is punishable by fine or imprisonment. The amendment was passed due to the large number of cases

where women did not know they had been divorced, since their former husbands had pronounced the statutory formula in their absence.

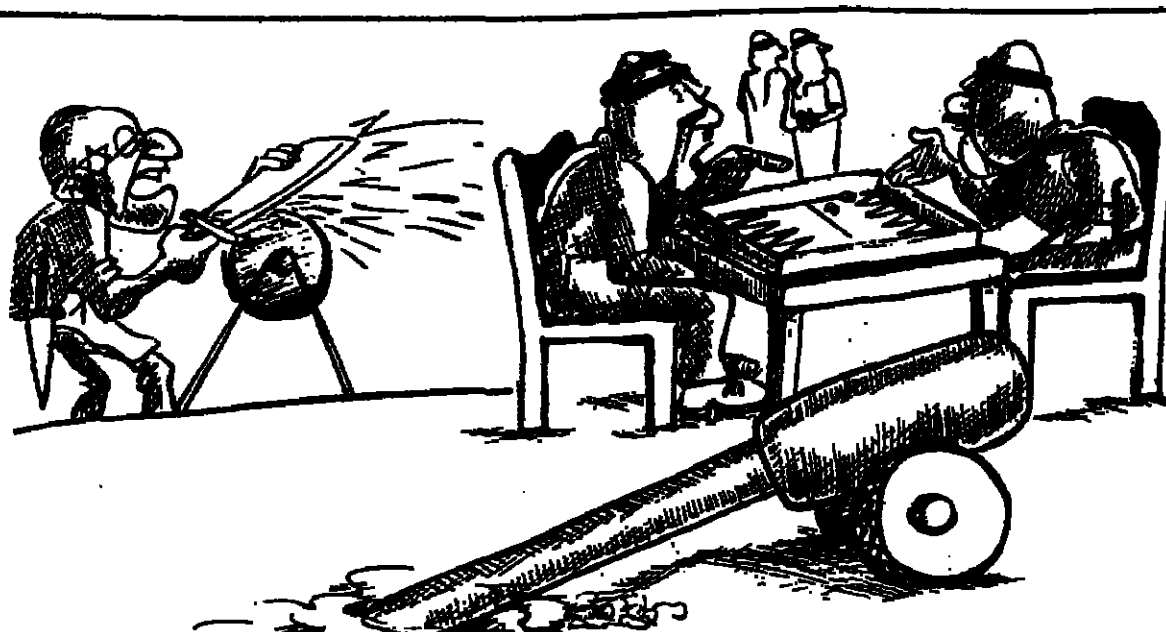
In cases of contested divorce or divorce without her knowledge, the woman is entitled to claim the "delayed bride-price" as specified in the marriage contract. Algerian law also provides additional compensation in such cases, "if the *kaddi* (religious court judge) determines that the husband treated the wife in violation of the principles of elementary justice." If the divorce has children under the age of seven, both Algerian and Egyptian law require her former husband to provide her a residence, until the youngest child reaches this age. The law in Tunisia and South Yemen provides indemnification to a woman divorced against her will. The new Egyptian law grants a woman divorced against her will alimony payments for two years, while a similar law in Syria provides alimony for three years.

UNDER THE LAWS of all the Arab countries, the house belongs to the person who bought it, and key-money rental property belongs to the person who paid the rent. In most cases, this is the husband. In very rare cases, such as when the house was given as a gift to the wife by her parents, is it registered in her name. Thus in most divorce cases, the woman is forced to leave the home and to return to her parents' household, if they are alive; or to the home of a sister or brother. A divorced woman generally will not live alone, in order to protect her good name.

There are no rules regarding the division of household goods. It is customary for each party to take the belongings it needs - such as cookware and dishes for the woman and a writing desk for the man - but she is, as always, dependent upon his good will. The Iraqi researcher found that Arab women suffer much injustice in not having common rights to property they shared with their husbands before divorce.

IN CONTRAST, the status of the Arab woman in Israel and the West is far advanced from that of her sisters in the Arab world. The difference is due, first and foremost, to the absence or subordinate role of Moslem religious law, which discriminates against the Arab woman and, in most cases, is not remedied by the intervention of civil law.

In Israel, for example, the law upholds the rights of Moslem women, at times ruling against the Sharia. Perhaps the most significant difference is the banning of bigamy, along with the principle of joint ownership of property under Israeli law. Although certain matters remain under the jurisdiction of the Moslem religious courts - as do certain areas of Jewish law under rabbinical courts - the overriding influence is that of the progressive civil legislation which is the law of the land.



THEIR COMMENT: Israel is sharpening its sword while the Arabs fritter away their time according to this editorial cartoon from the Jordanian newspaper al-Dustur.

The following article from Al-Ba'ath, the official journal of Syria's ruling party, discusses Israel-Arab relations in light of the Waldheim affair and "Israel's involvement" in the assassination of Swedish prime minister Olof Palme.

THE ZIONIST propaganda campaign against Kurt Waldheim and accusations of anti-Semitism have broadened, as if the Zionists were interested in turning the world back upon its past by using anti-Semitic slogans to win the identification and support of Western nations.

If Waldheim served together with tens of millions of others in the military forces of Hitler, this does not mean that every German speaker was a Nazi or that anyone who was forced to enlist was a Nazi. What then is the goal of the Zionist campaign against Waldheim? The answer to this recalls for us the man's past.

During his term as secretary-

'Zionist campaign against Waldheim'

general of the UN, the General Assembly passed a resolution that considers Zionism as one of the forms of racism. Other resolutions and recommendations were passed that present Israel as a new form of Hitlerite Nazism.

Waldheim played an active role - perhaps due to his being a European - in helping the international bodies which were conspired against by Zionism and imperialism, as happened with Unesco and the International Labour Organization.

THIS IS one aspect of the answer. Another is that Waldheim, an Austrian, established ties with Zionist groups in Austria. The Zionists fear

that, as president of Austria, he would have the opportunity to change the balance of policy in a way that would not be consistent with the Zionist claim.

Israel, which represents the centre of gravity for Zionism and one of its important instruments, needs to expose the crimes of the Nazis by resurrecting the past in which Zionism itself played a role. But Israel, which kills Arabs on a daily basis and continues to threaten to sabotage peace in the region, has no right to talk about the Nazis. Waldheim is not Sharon, Begin or Shamir. The whole world knows who these Zionists are, beginning with the slaughter at Deir Yassin and ending with the

slaughter at Sabra and Shatila. What then is the reason for the Zionists' timing, which recalls Nazism and accuses Waldheim? This question leads us to a parallel event. As is known, Olof Palme was brutally murdered. Palme sought peace, defended human rights and opposed aggression. He did not understand all the forms of Zionist propaganda and, for this reason, he was murdered by an anonymous killer.

Because Zionism is responsible for this abominable crime on Swedish soil, Israel found it possible to hide from this crime only by raising Nazism from the depths of its slumber, in order to win the feelings of Europe.

Thus it appears that the fate of Kurt Waldheim is similar to that of Palme, Aldo Moro and John Kennedy. All of them are victims of the criminal and manifoldly hostile Zionist game.

JABARA ALBAR'UTHI

Strictly organized and illegal party

A new work by Meron Benvenisti, *A Political Handbook of the West Bank*, will soon be published. It will be distributed by The Jerusalem Post. Below we print a second excerpt from the book, dealing with the activities and history of the Communist Party in the West Bank.

OFFICIALLY named "The Palestinian Communist Party in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip," the party is a direct extension of the communist organizations active in Mandatory Palestine and the party after 1948 in Jordan. It took its present form early in 1982, in place of the "Communist Organization in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip," which had been established in the territories after 1967. Its activities are illegal under both Jordanian law and the security regulations of the military government, which forbid political activity.

After the Israeli occupation of 1967, members of the Jordanian Communist Party remained on the West Bank, acting underground to link up with their comrades in the Gaza Strip and severing themselves

from the party headquarters in Amman. In the early 1970s, Communist activists on the West Bank were at the centre of the Palestinian National Front, which tried to consolidate and lead the political opposition of the Arabs in the territories occupied by Israel. At that time most of the Communist leaders were expelled from the West Bank, notably Suleiman al-Najab, Faiq Warad, and Arabi Awad.

In the territories the party is estimated to have a few thousand members, strictly organized in a hierarchy of semi-underground cells surrounded by wider circles of sympathizers. The leader of the party is thought to be Basbir al-Bargvuti, from the village of Deir Ghassana in

the Ramallah district, the editor of the East Jerusalem weekly *Al-Taliah*. The party has another literary and cultural publication, *Al-Kiub*, edited by As'ad al-As'ad and sometimes it circulates the underground publication *Al-Wa'an*, important for the mobilization of activists for organizational activities. The party concentrates on the organization of labour unions on the West Bank and in Gaza, directed by Adel Ghanam of Nablus and on "voluntary action committees," which provide mutual assistance, social work, etc. It also organizes strikes, demonstrations, and cultural and national events such as expositions, lectures and meetings on Palestinian subjects.

The Palestinian Communists (both in the territories and elsewhere) have no official status in the PLO, mainly because of their refusal to create a military arm. That issue also caused a series of disagreements and conflicts within the Communist Party and between it and the PLO leadership. At one time during the 1970s the Communists did announce the formation of a semi-military organization commanded by Arabi Awad, called "The Patriotic Front," which committed no acts of violence.

Arabi Awad later left the party and founded a separate organization ("The Temporary Headquarters")

which supported armed struggle against Israel. After the war in Lebanon that small Communist splinter group joined the Palestinian organizations working under the aegis of Syria which do not recognize the PLO under Arafat's leadership.

The Communist Party was to join the PLO as a recognized group during 1984 as part of the "Aden Agreement," which was meant to prepare for the 17th national congress. That agreement was not put into effect, however, and the congress was convened in Amman without Communist participation. The Communist Party was among those condemning the congress (along with the organizations of the Marxist left, members of the PLO, George Habash and Naif Hawatmeh).

Although the Communist Party belongs to the Rejection Front and opposes the central stream of the PLO under Arafat's leadership, the Communists are considered, from an ideological viewpoint to be more moderate in their attitude towards Israel. They accept, in full, the position of the Soviet Union, which recognizes Israel within the 1967 borders, and thus they are different from the other Marxist organizations in the PLO.

The Middle East page is edited by Yehuda Litani.

Preparing for Ramadan

CAIRO (AP). - From the steamy fields of the southern Philippines to the arid wastes of Mauritania, moslems are preparing for Ramadan, the month of fast and feast which marks the holiest time of the Islamic year.

It is a time when life slows to a crawl in Moslem countries, shops, businesses and government offices open late and close early. Foreign companies advise their executives to forgo business trips to Moslem countries for the month.

After sundown, when the fast is suspended, streets swell with thousands of merry-makers who crowd restaurants and coffee shops, catching up on their eating and non-alcoholic drinking.

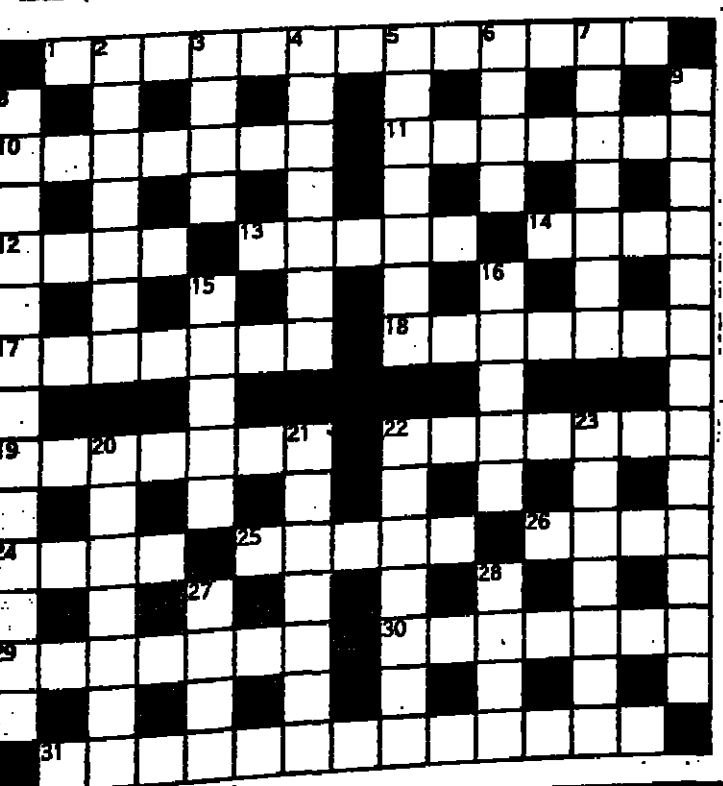
Because Ramadan is reckoned by a lunar calendar, the fast begins some nine days earlier every year based on the modern system. This year, Ramadan is expected to begin

late this week, when the sheikhs and imams spot the new lunar crescent in the night sky.

Until the crescent appears again some 30 days later, all Moslems except pregnant women, travelers, the sick and soldiers in war must refrain from food, drink, sex and other indulgences by day or, as the Koran stipulates, "until you can tell a white thread from a black one in the light of the coming dawn."

ONE-ON-ONE CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- The bell-ringer goes camping a lot—so odd (13)
 - An animal must have some means of defence (7)
 - With many a blemish, a dark make-up's needed (7)
 - Measure the port (4)
 - Light article on one side (5)
 - Way the old-fashioned can affect the viewer (4)
 - Tree maintenance (7)
 - Petrified appearance of produce not raised under glass? (7)
 - Charge a swimmer—it makes sense (7)
 - Big medical man, exceptionally stern (7)
 - One chemist is in anything but good spirits (4)
 - Creditor has ore worth ten million (5)
 - Some brilliant independents are in opposition (4)
 - A capital lubricant (4-3)
 - Pluckily he plays his part—after a fashion (7)
 - An original thinker with regard to personal investment (5-8)
- DOWN**
- The man in love may well get married (7)
 - Parking place for sport (4)
 - The VIP's back on board (7)
 - Left with little hesitation to catch duck, making complaint (7)
 - Cut the talk and start helping (6)
 - Bearing with a mad character's crack (7)
 - Eyes right, as fog's no problem (6,2,5)
 - They're not portrait-painters, but they do paint people (4-2,7)
 - A musical note going up and down (5)
 - Give satisfaction, being in accord (5)
 - Rew after key politician appears nearer exhaustion (7)
 - Mangled fish were plainly injured (7)
 - Proceeds to the border area (7)
 - Stretch set wrongly can get stretched (7)
 - Control knob (4)
 - Bluff about stuff that's worn (4)

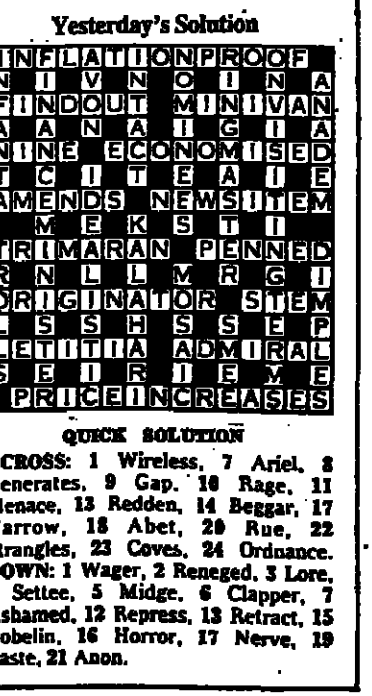


TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

- ON THE AIR**
- Voice of Music**
- 6.02 Morning Melodies
6.07 List: Top 100
7.30 Resplendence: La boutique fantasque (Roussini); List: Piano Sonata in B (Zakharov); List: Violin Concerto No. 5, K.219 (D. Oistrakh, Berlin); List: Tombeau de Couperin
9.30 Haydn: Cello Concerto (Toscanini); Beethoven: Quartet Op. 59, No. 1 (Italian); List: Faust Symphony (Bosch/Bernstein)
12.05 Bach: Partita No. 1 (Dunne); Beethoven: Sonata Op. 27, No. 1 (Arthur Schnabel); Schumann: Nocturne Op. 21, No. 8; Chopin: Polonaise (Fogel)
13.00 Albini: Concerto No. 5 for 2 Oboes; Jardena Alon: Song (Ezra-Zak); Bruch: Violin Concerto (Shlomo Minz, Chicago/Abbado)
15.00 Vaughan-Williams: Suite; Chausson: Evening of Feasts; MacFay: Toccata for Flute Quartet
16.00 Israel Flute Quartet - music by Bach, Reizenstein, Copland, Prokofiev, Mozart
17.00 Contemporary Music - Musica Nova 1986 - Mordant Set: Ensemble; Josef Tal: Image for 15 Instruments
18.00 Radio Frankfurt Symphony Orchestra; Aldo Cocca conducting - Moshe; Iron Mongery; Prokofiev; Violin Concerto No. 1 (Uri Planka); Debussy: Iberia; Ravel: La Valse
- First Programme**
- 6.02 Programme for Olim
7.30 Favourite Old Songs
8.05 Compose - with Benny Hendel
9.05 Hebrew Songs
9.30 Encounter - live Family magazine
11.10 School Broadcasts
11.30 Education for all
12.00 News in English
13.30 News in French
14.05 Children's programmes
15.55 Notes on a New Book
16.05 Programme for Senior Citizens
17.20 Everyman's University
18.05 Jewish Traditions
18.47 Bible Reading
19.05 Lesson in History
19.30 Programme for Olim
22.05 A Friend from the Same Planet
- Second Programme**
- 6.12 Gymnastics
6.30 Editorial Review
6.53 Green Light - drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning - news magazine
- 19.30 Youth Programme**
20.05 Josef Haydn - the birth of the sonata - Arieh Vardi lectures on The Minuet
21.00 Cornelius: The Barber of Bagdad; Debussy: The Fall of the House of Usher
23.00 Monteverdi: Psalm; Mozart: Piano Sonata, K.540; Mompour: Suite; Monteverdi: Psalm



- TELEVISION**
- EDUCATIONAL:**
5.15 School Broadcasts 14.00 Alfred Brundel, painter - words by Shmuel, List 15.00 Everyman's University: Health; Art 16.00 No Secrets 16.20 TV Games 16.45 Economics: Inflation 17.00 A New Evening - live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Smedley, Sometime - Canadian drama
ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes
18.30 News roundup
18.32 On Books and Culture
19.00 Health Magazine
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Movie Time - drama magazine
20.30 Religion Magazine
21.00 Mehor Newscast
21.30 Mehor
- Army**
- 6.05 Morning Sounds
6.30 Open Your Eyes - songs, information
7.07 "707" - with Alex Arsky
8.05 Good Morning Israel
9.05 In the Morning - with Eli Yashaf
11.00 Right Now - with Rafi Raessaf
13.05 Radio Connection
15.05 Daily Meeting - with Orly Yaniv
16.05 Four in the Afternoon
17.00 Evening Newscast
17.30 Middle East Magazine
18.05 Army and Defense Magazine
18.08 What's Doing - with Eric Tal
20.05 Evening Newscast
21.00 Mehor - TV newscast
21.30 Times
22.05 Popular songs
22.05 Night, Night - with Yosef Kerner
00.05 Classical Night Birds



- CINEMAS**
- JERUSALEM 4:30, 7, 9**
Eden: Remo; Edison: Delta Force, 4:30, 7, 9:15; Habs: No Milk Today; Kfir: Out of Africa, 5:45, 8:15; Mithras: 9:15; Orga: Stitches, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Orma: Wild Cats, 4:30, 7:15; Ron: Bonnie and Clyde, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Smedley: Chances Me, 8:15; Shmuel: Harun: La Historia Oficial, 7:15; Beit Agnon: Doctor Zhivago 3:30; The Shining 8:45; The Godfather I, 9: Lord of the Rings 12 midnight; Cinema: Julie 7: A Midsummer Night's Dream 7 (small hall); Metropolis 9:30 (small hall).
- TEL AVIV 4:30, 7:15, 9:30**
Alhambra: Protector, 5:7:20, 9:30; Beit Leza: Fandango, 11:15 p.m.; Ben-Yehuda: No Milk Today; Chen 1: A Chorus Line, 5:7:25, 9:40; Chen 2: Journey of Natty Gann, 5:7:25, 9:40; Chen 3: Year of the Dragon, 7:30; Lady and the Tramp, 5:7:25, 9:40; 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 5:7:20, 9:40; Chen 5: Stitches, 10:30 a.m., 1:30, 5:7:20, 9:40; Cinema One: Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom; Cinema Two: Back to the Future, Debut: Jewel of the Nile; Debut: Silverado, 9:30 p.m.; Pyramid of Fear, 7:15; sex film, 12 midnight; Earth: Spies Like Us; Gat: Twice in a Lifetime; Gordon: The Official Story; Meor: Remo, Law II: Wild Cats 1:45, 5:7:20, 9:40; Lior: Target 1:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30; Lior: Homecoming, 9:15; Mehor: 4:30, 7:30; Mehor: Prizzi's Honor, 4:30, 7:30; Mehor: Miami Super Cop, 5:7:15, 9:30; Paris: When Father Was Away on Business, 11:30 a.m., 2:40, 7:30; Pines: Sweet Dreams; Shmuel: Out of Africa, 5:45, 8:15; Stitches: Zori; Tchalet: Jagged Edge; Tel Aviv: Delta Force, 4:30, 7:30; Tel Aviv Museum: Smile of the Lamb 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; Zefon: Eleni 4:30, 7:30; Tamuz: Water 7:15, 9:30; Israel Cinema: La Truite 7; Message from the Future 9:30
- HAIFA 4, 6:45, 9**
Amphitheatre: Remo 4:30, 7, 9:15; Armon: Miami Super Cop 4:30, 6:45, 9; Atzema: No Milk Today 4:30, 7, 9:15; Chen: Journey of Natty Gann, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40; Orna: Out of Africa 8, 9:40; Twice in a Lifetime, 9 p.m.; Lady and the Tramp, 5:7:20, 9:40; Pines: Spies Like Us 4:30, 6:45, 9; Ron: Delta Force, 4, 6:45, 9; Shavit: The Official Story 7, 9:40; A Chorus Line 7, 9:15; Rev-Gat 2: Wildcats 7, 9:15; Keren Or Hamekudash: When Father Was Away on Business 4, 6:30, 9
- RAMAT GAN**
Armon: Spies Like Us, 5, 7:15, 9:30; Lily: 5:15; 9:30; Oasis: Miami Super Cop, 5, 7:15, 9:30; Orna: No Milk Today 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Remo: Remo, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Rev-Gat 1: A Chorus Line, 5, 7:20, 9:40; Rev-Gat 2: Journey of Natty Gann 5, 7:20, 9:40; Rev-Gat 3: Twice in a Lifetime 5, 7:30, 9:40; Rev-Gat 4: Jagged Edge 7:20, 9:40; Lady and the Tramp, 5
- HERZLIYA**
David: No Milk Today, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; Mechal: Out of Africa, 8, 9; New Theatre: Delta Force, 7, 9:30
- HOLON**
Migdal: Spies Like Us, 7:15, 9:30; Savy: Delta Force, 4:30, 7, 9:30 (Tue, 7, 9:30); Armon Hamekudash: Miami Super Cop, 5, 7:15, 9:30
- BAT YAM**
Atzema: Delta Force, 4:30, 7, 9:30
- GIVATAYIM**
Hadar: Out of Africa, 8, 9
- RAMAT HASHARON**
Kochav: Gotsche, 7; Friends, 9:30 p.m.
- PETACH TIKEVA**
G.E. Mechal 1: Out of Africa, 6, 9; G.G. Mechal 2: Delta Force, 4:30, 7, 9:30; G.G. Mechal 3: Back to the Future, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30

Minister defends moshav rescue plan

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Despite stiff opposition from moshavim, Minister of Agriculture Aryeh Nehamkin promised, in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* this week, to stick to his policy of turning less successful moshavim into rural communities, stripped of land and water quotas.

Under Nehamkin's programme, the government would agree in turn to erase the moshavim's debts and allow them to build more housing on their property.

Nehamkin has strong ties to the moshavim. The minister was born and still lives on Nahalal. In the 1950s he helped new immigrants in the south form moshavim, and 20 years later he was the secretary of the Histadrut-affiliated Tuat Hamoshavim. "I know the problems of the moshavim inside out," he said, admitting their financial problems are severe and present no easy solution.

He refuses to go into what he terms "ancient history," concerning those guilty for the present situation, though he hints that the "seven bad years" of the Likud government had much to do with it.

Nehamkin refused to explain his programme in detail, in particular how he would erase the moshavim's debt, saying he was still negotiating with several moshavim.

Shar' Ephraim is the first moshav to agree to the plan. "If it is successful they will be allowed to increase the population of the settlement from the 70 families today to over 200 families," he said.

But Nehamkin noted that it will not be possible to find one solution for all the moshavim. "We will have

to go from village to village and find a solution suitable for each," he said. "Some of the moshavim have relatively small debts and others are overwhelmed."

Nehamkin said in general terms that a solution to the debt problem lies in restructuring the loans of most of the moshavim and kibbutzim, lowering interest rates and extending repayment periods. "I'm sure that in this way the settlers will be able to start breathing again and the Israeli economy will profit from it by increased exports and more effective production from the side of the farmers," he said.

Nehamkin denied that the new finance minister, Moshe Nissim, would be more forthcoming on more funds for agriculture than his predecessor Yitzhak Moda'i.

"My burning problem with his ministry will be financial aid to the farming sector," said Nehamkin. "If the government does not approve this aid, then I'm afraid to say that the present crisis in the agricultural sector will continue. People connected to the agricultural sector will have to be fired, and the present governmental plan to revive the economy will not be carried out as anticipated."

To charges that he is not doing enough to increase exports, especially to the European Economic Community, Nehamkin raises his voice and lowers his hand with a thump on the desk. "I know that many farmers see themselves as potential ministers of agriculture and believe they can do things better. I can tell you that since I became minister, we have not rested one day in our efforts to improve our situation in the EEC," he said. "We are

still in the midst of negotiations with them, and we are talking with every one possible concerning a new agreement, which should answer all the problems created by the entrance of Spain and Portugal."

Nehamkin said Italy, Spain, Portugal and Greece see Israel as a tough competitor in the farm market, which has made the talks particularly difficult.

Nehamkin denies he has cut research spending. "We are firing a number of workers, as required under a cabinet decision, but this has affected mainly administration people and not scientists," he said. "We are doing everything that has to be done to improve the quality of our produce and to find new products to export."

He pointed to a new variety of tomato developed by ministry researchers, that is fetching "terrific prices in New York."

The success of this tomato has been so great, he said, that some tomato growers from Florida are now selling their tomatoes under a new label called Sabra, decorated with a big Magen David.

Nehamkin also noted that this past season has been a very good year for the flower growers. "What many people do not know is that this year's success is due very much to our



Aryeh Nehamkin (Uzi Keren)

research scientists, who invested much of their time in developing new varieties. It takes years of work, and this season it started to pay off.

"We also have invested in research in produce that we call 'dollar savers,'" he said. "We are growing more fodder locally, and in this way we save precious dollars that would have had to be spent in purchasing food for livestock abroad."

Nevertheless, Nehamkin insisted he is not pleased with the current level of research and development. "We must invest more money in this field, especially in some of our weakest parts, namely the citrus sector."

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**DID YOU KNOW THAT...**  
the population of the northern development towns declined by about 1,100 during 1985, while that of the development towns in the south remained about the same. (Gad Ya'acobi)  
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Banks' foreign assets up sharply

BASEL (AFP). — Foreign assets and liabilities in the world's banks grew a record \$124.1 billion over the fourth quarter last year, the International Bank of Settlements (BIS) has stated in its latest report here.

This huge increase outstripped the \$34.8b. growth in the third quarter of 1985.

Foreign assets and liabilities were especially boosted by the strong foreign expansion of Japanese banks, the increasing presence of banks on world bond markets, and the several interventions in currency markets by central banks, according to the BIS, which promotes the cooperation of central banks.

Foreign assets in Japanese banks shot up a record \$23.1b. over the quarter, after a third quarter progress of \$16.9b. Half of this fourth-quarter growth was in Japanese yen, the BIS notes.

European centres account for \$62b. of the growth, with banks in

West Germany growing \$15.6b., Italy \$12.5b., Britain \$8.5b. and France \$7.3b.

In the U.S., banks' foreign assets and liabilities grew \$17.8b., reversing the third-quarter reduction of \$6.6b.

Banks in the "declining zone," which includes the group of ten creditor countries, and Luxembourg, Austria, Denmark, Ireland, Spain, Finland and Norway, posted a growth in assets of \$104b. in the fourth quarter, as against \$27.5b. in the third quarter.

Only 28 per cent, or \$22.4b. worth of the growth in assets is denominated in dollars, the BIS notes. The Euro-yen market grew the most rapidly — equivalent to a \$14.5b. increase in credits owed to banks.

The Euro-Deutschmark market increased \$10.2b. worth, and the Euro-Swiss franc market, by \$9.3b. Bank loans totalled \$40b., a two-year high and a \$10b. increase over

the third quarter. The BIS added that \$9.6b. worth was lent to countries outside the declaring zone.

These non-zone countries, on the other hand, deposited \$11.2b. in banks outside the zone, the BIS notes.

Of the Latin-American borrowers, Argentina, Chile and Mexico received the most funds — \$0.6b. each. China, meanwhile, received \$0.8b., and banks there reduced their deposits by \$0.6b.

Banks in the Opec nations added to their deposits by \$5.4b. as a group.

Countries in the Eastern European Bloc borrowed \$1.4b. in the fourth quarter last year, while banks there increased their deposits by \$1.8b.

The Soviet Union borrowed \$0.7b., and increased deposits by \$1.7b., while East Germany borrowed \$0.5b. and increased deposits by \$0.4b., the report said.

Sharon, Canadian envoy meet on trade

Post Economic Staff
Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon met yesterday with the new Canadian ambassador to Israel, John Bartleman, to discuss ways of narrowing Israel's trade gap with Canada.

Israel has been seeking to strike a buyback accord with Canada, under which the Canadians would promise to purchase a certain quantity of Israeli goods in exchange for Israeli purchases of Canadian wheat.

Last year, Israel ran a \$43 million trade deficit with Canada. Israeli

exports to Canada amounted to \$62.4 million while imports from Canada totalled \$105.5 million.

Sharon told the ambassador that Israel is interested in increasing economic ties with Canada within the

context of balance bilateral trade. He reminded Bartleman that half of all Canadian exports to Israel are purchased directly by the Israeli government, including wheat and sulphate.

Agrexco may boost exports in wake of Chernobyl mishap

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Agrexco, the fresh agricultural produce export company is weighing the possibility of boosting exports of summer vegetables and fruits to Europe in the wake of the Chernobyl nuclear reactor accident.

Because of the radioactive fallout some of the European harvest, especially in Eastern Europe, may have to be destroyed, leaving a shortage of certain fruits and vegetables.

For the moment Agrexco officials here say the chances of that occurring are minimal, but they are watching developments in Europe closely.

"We have asked our representatives in Europe to try to make estimates for us during the next week, and after we receive these estimates we will be in a position to make a decision," Haim Keller Agrexco spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Even if shortages of fruit and vegetables do develop in Europe, agricultural experts say Israel does not have the capacity to increase farm exports sharply. An increase in exports of all depend largely on whether there is a bumper crop. The resulting surplus, in combination with the re-routing of some fruit destined for the local market to Europe, could add to fruit exports, but not greatly. A sharp increase in vegetable exports faces even more obstacles. Farmers will not be able to increase vegetable production by much because of the cut in water for irrigation quotas, resulting from the relatively dry winter.

If prices in Europe for vegetables and fruits rise substantially, however, farmers are likely to send larger portion of their crop than usual to Europe. That could cause a tight market for fruit and vegetables in Israel.

The diamond market has turned the corner

-the strength and resilience of the centralised selling system is underlined.



De Beers
Extracts from
Julian Ogilvie Thompson's
Statement for 1985

1985 marked the turning point in the market for rough diamonds and underlined the strength and resilience of De Beers' centralised selling system. This was particularly gratifying in view of the problems experienced in other commodity stabilisation schemes. World retail sales of diamond jewellery attained yet another record, exceeding the 1984 figure by some three per cent. Geographically, sales were more evenly spread, the increase in the United States being less spectacular, and in the other industrialised countries more pronounced, than in 1984.

Stocks down
The CSO continued its policy of only offering for sale those goods for which there was immediate demand. Stocks in the cutting centres have been brought down at last to reasonable operating levels, and manufacturers have been able to trade profitably in meeting the demand generated by the record retail jewellery sales. It follows that after this protracted and difficult period of destocking, the pipeline between the CSO and the ultimate consumer has contracted to the point where CSO sales should once again be more directly related to retail demand. Looking further ahead, the prospect is that the recent sharp fall in the oil price should bring about lower inflation and higher growth in the industrialised countries, and hence higher sales of diamond jewellery.

Sales trend continues
CSO sales in the second half of the year were the highest since 1980. These trends have continued into the current year with demand for rough gem continuing at a

high level during the first three months.

The report of a commission appointed in 1982 to inquire into alleged irregularities and misapplication of property in representative authorities and the central authority of South West Africa/Namibia, known as the Thirion Commission, was published on 7th March 1986, by the Transitional Government of National Unity in Windhoek. Among the Commission's findings CDM, without having given evidence or been called upon to do so, is said to have breached the provisions of its mining title, namely the Halbscheid Agreement, which requires that mining should be carried on "satisfactorily to the Administration and not with a view to exhausting the superficial and more valuable deposits to the detriment of the low grade deposits". At no stage has there been any suggestion from the Administration that CDM was not carrying on mining satisfactorily and CDM is confident that it has not breached any of its obligations and that its mining practices have not been detrimental to the State. On the contrary, by the introduction of innovative and cost-effective techniques CDM has rendered hitherto unpayable ground payable, and thus progressively extended the life of the mine. On current projections, only about two per cent of the estimated original carat inventory of the mining area will be left behind at the end of the life of the mine. Of this, about half is in ground which is inaccessible using current mining techniques. In the meantime, prospecting continues in the hope of identifying new reserves. Naturally, within the limits of

production technology, CDM has always followed a policy of responding to market conditions, so that when demand is high more diamonds are produced and when the market is in recession, as it has been over the last five years, the rate of production is lowered. Indeed, since 1981, a number of production facilities at CDM have remained temporarily closed without affecting CDM's share of sales.

These facts are hardly compatible with a policy of excessive depletion of CDM's reserves. As in the past, CDM fully intends to continue operating within its rights and obligations, in consultation

with the authorities and in accordance with the law. Industrial relations on our various operations have been satisfactory, due in part at least to the Company's long-standing adherence to a unified wage structure and continuing implementation of merit-based manning policies, supported by extensive training and development programmes for employees at all levels.

The removal of statutory job reservation in the mining industry in South Africa is now a matter of great urgency, and intensive discussions between the industry, the unions and the Government are at last taking place. It is

crucial that the outcome should be fair and should provide equal opportunity to all.

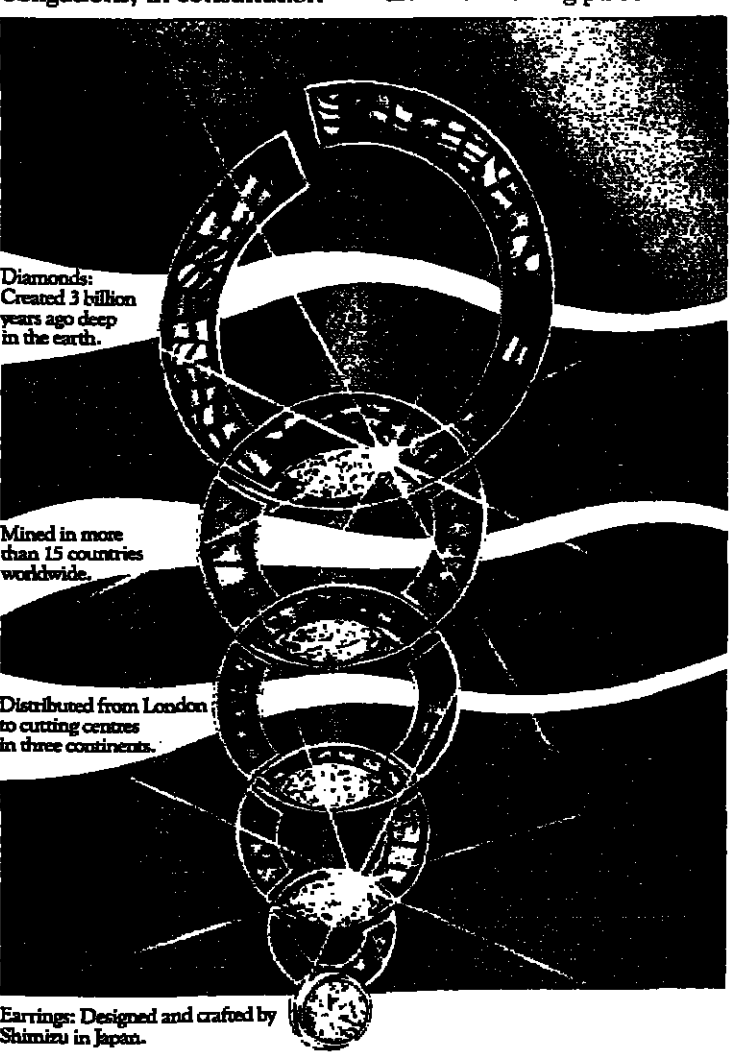
Committed to change
South Africa has been through a particularly difficult year. The need to abolish apartheid in all its forms and create a socio-political dispensation that gives fair and equal opportunity to all is now more widely recognised than ever before. Your Company has long been in the forefront of those committed to such changes and it is encouraging that the Government has announced many substantial reforms. Several have been implemented and the remainder are expected to receive legislative approval during the present session; it is hoped that further initiatives will soon follow. We shall continue to do all we can to accelerate the process of evolutionary change.

Our Deputy Chairman, Mr Nicholas Oppenheimer, has succeeded Sir Philip Oppenheimer as Chairman of the CSO. Sir Philip filled that role with great distinction for 30 years and De Beers and, indeed, the whole diamond industry is deeply indebted to him. Fortunately, we shall still benefit from Sir Philip's experience and wisdom for he will continue to be a member of our board and to play a leading role in certain key aspects of the CSO's activities.

The full Chairman's Statement is contained in the Annual Report of the Company for the year ended 31st December 1985 which was posted to registered Shareholders on 1st May 1986.

De Beers Consolidated Mines Limited
(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)
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De Beers



This earring, with marquise and round shaped diamonds set in mother of pearl was one of 30 successful entries from 1428 designs submitted from 33 countries for the Diamond International Awards presented in Milan in March. These awards have been organised by De Beers for over 30 years to help improve the quality and standard of jewellery design.

WHAT'S ON

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JERUSALEM

Museums
ISRAEL MUSEUM. Exhibitions: "A Man and His Land," Moshe Dayan collection of Israel Art & Art in Context — development of Israel Art — Audio-visual programme (until 14.8) & Dorothy Bohm — photographs of Traditional Jewellery of the Israel Communities (until 10.5) & Ancient Mirrors & The Cosmic and the Divine — Andersen tales & News in Antiquities & Nerot Mitzva — ideas for light in Jewish ritual & Friendly Butterfly — Orah Eyal's illustrations & Building in Jerusalem — computer games, building with stone & From the Depths of the Sea — ancient Carmel coast cargoes (Rockefeller) & Placepiece — artists' versions of surrounding landscapes (Paley Centre, near Rockefeller) & Permanent exhibitions of archaeology, Judaism, ethnic art.

VISITING HOURS, MAIN MUSEUM: 10-5. At 11: guided tour of Museum (English). 1-5. Gallery dedication in memory of Izhak Aramoni; 8-30: Community singing, Nahum Alterman evening.

EXHIBITIONS
JERUSALEM MAP HOUSE, Old City, 7 Beit El St., 288338, 423547. Roberts, Turner, etc.

L.A. MAYER MEMORIAL INSTITUTE FOR ISLAMIC ART. Visiting hours: Sun-Thurs. 10-1; 3-5.6. Fri. closed. Sat. and holiday eve 10-1; 2 Hapalsmech St. Tel. 02-6612912. Bus No. 15.

Conducted tours
NABASAN — Hourly tours of the Chagall Windows at Kiryat Hadassah, on the hill. * Information, reservations: 02-416333, 02-446271.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY
1. Tours in English at 9 and 11 a.m. from

Administration Building, Givat Ram Campus. Buses 9, 28, 24 and 15.
2. Mount Scopus tours 11 a.m. from the Bronfman Reception Centre, Sherman Building. Buses 9, 28, 46, 26 and 23 to the first underground stop. Further details: Tel. 02-682915.

AMIT WOMEN. (Formerly American Mizrahi Women). Free Morning Tours — 8 Alkali Street, Jerusalem. Tel. 02-689222.

ORT. To visit our technological High School call Jerusalem 639141; Tel Aviv 366171, 232231, 240529; Netanya 33744.

TEL AVIV

Museums
TEL AVIV MUSEUM. Exhibitions: Frank Stella — Had Gadya — a series of large prints by Frank Stella, after El Lissitzky's gouaches & The War of Matter — a quality in Israeli art. 21 effa Israeli artists show their work of the last 25 years. **VISITING HOURS TODAY:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 5-8 p.m. Hebrew Rehabilitation Pavilion: closed for installation of new exhibition.

Conducted Tours
AMIT WOMEN (Formerly American Mizrahi Women). Free Morning Tours — Tel Aviv, Tel. 232187, 233154.

WIZO. Visit our projects call Tel Aviv, 232239; Jerusalem, 226050; Haifa, 88817.

PIONEER WOMEN — NA'AMAT. Morning tours. Tel Aviv, 210791, Jerusalem 244878.

HAIFA

Museums
HAIFA MUSEUM, 28 Shabat Levy St. Tel. 04-523255. Exhibitions: Modern Art — Reuben Rubin, the portrait in his work in retrospective; Material — a Medium of Expression; Pop Art — its influence, its consequences. Ancient Art — Jewish coins of the Second Temple Period; Egyptian textiles, terracotta figurines, Shikmona finds. Music and Ethnology — Jewish costumes. 20 porcelain pieces from the Fela and Natan Cealac collection U.S.A. Open: Sun-Thurs. Tel. 10-1; Tue. and Sat. also 8-8. Tickets includes admission to National Museum, Japanese and Prehistory Museums.

Miscellaneous
WHAT'S ON IN HAIFA, dial 04-640840.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

Jerusalem: Medi Plus, 2 Bar Ilan, 822237. Salim, Salah Eddin, 272215. Shurafat, Shurafat Road, 810108. Dar Aldawa, Harod's Gate, 282068.

Tel Aviv: Lev Ha'ir, 69 Ahad Ha'am, 613982. Kupat Holim Clinic, 7 Amsterdam, 225142.

Netanya: Hanasol, 38 Sderot Weizmann, 23638.

Haifa: Yarnve, 7 Ibn Sina, 672288.

FIRST AID

Magen David Adom emergency phone numbers (round the clock service).

Ashdod 413233. Ashkelon 23333. Bat Yam 5611111. Beersheva 74767. Carmiel 988505. Netanya 23333. Dan Region 791111. Rehovot 748133. Rishon LeZion 942333. Safed 30333. Tel Aviv 240111. Tiberies 50111.

Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) service in the area around the clock. 101 Emergency phone number in most areas.

"Erm" — Mental Health First Aid. Tel. 672222, Beersheva 418111, Netanya 36316.

Rape Crisis Centre (24 hours), for help call Tel Aviv, 234819, Jerusalem — 245554, and Haifa 88791.

Jerusalem Institute for Drug Problems. Tel. 663228, 663902, 14 Bethlehem Rd.

The National Poison Control Centre at Ramat Hashanah Hospital, phone 04922220. emergency calls, 24 hours a day, for information in case of poisoning.

Kupat Holim Information Centre Tel. 03-433300, 433600 Sunday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

POLICE

Dial 100 in most parts of the country. In Tiberies dial 924444, Kiryat Shmona 4444.

DENTAL

Tel Aviv: Dental Association clinic 48 Rehov Bar-Kochba, Friday 8 p.m. to midnight; Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tel. 03-284648.

FLIGHTS

24-Hours Flight Information Service: Call 03-8712484 (multi-line). Arrivals Only (Taped Message) 03-381111 (20 lines).

Dental Clinic, 25 Rehov Ahimel, Ramat Aviv Gimmel, Shabbat and holidays; 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Weekday evenings; 4:30 — 10, Tel. 03-425832.

MARKET PLACE

Macabee Dean

Pessimists weather austerity best

The distressing news about the impact of the economic stabilization programme launched last July is that some 10 to 15 per cent of the 5,000 firms listed in the Dun & Bradstreet guide are in financial trouble. The good news is that 85 to 90 per cent of these 5,000 firms are managing to survive the hard times with varying degrees of success, says David Bondi, general manager of Dun & Bradstreet (Israel).

The firms that make their way into the headlines are those on the verge of collapse or are in the midst of staging a turnaround in the face of enormous obstacles. But Bondi prefers to talk about those companies that are quietly weathering the crisis and probably provide the best indicator of how the private sector is facing under the government's policies.

These companies have succeeded to the extent they have been able to plan for the day when an emergency economic package of the kind finally adopted by the government last July would be imposed.

One of the chief reasons these concerns have been able to ride out the vast changes that have occurred in the economy in the wake of the stabilization programme is that they did not follow the example of the government.

"The government was running the country as if money was unlimited, as if the laws of economy did not exist any more — at least for the time being," says Bondi.

The companies in the D&B guide that have done best did not expand their facilities at a breakneck pace on the cheap money that came with Israel's hyperinflation. Rather, they drew up contingency plans for the future, in the knowledge that the false prosperity eventually had to give way to hard reality. They cut costs, including regrettably, research and development in many cases. At the same time, many began exploring export options in anticipation that the local market would dry up when the inevitable emergency economy policy was instituted. Others reduced outside financing as much as possible, relying instead on internal resources. That saved them from being caught with the huge loans bearing exorbitant interest rates that have burdened big borrowers in the past several months.

Within this group of relative success stories Bondi points to a sub-division that was preparing for a particularly bleak future. It consisted mainly of exporters. They were not misled by the false prosperity in Israel in the 1970s and early 1980s since they were familiar with foreign markets and were in a better position to know that Israel had not discovered any secret to prosperity without sweating to produce.

Bondi says the austerity measures imposed last July may have been disastrous for some companies, but on the whole it was good medicine for the economy.

"It helped winnow out the weak and unsuccessful companies, which had burgeoned in an insane inflationary period, and it helped the better-managed and stronger companies to better assess themselves and the future," he says. "All in all, the 'shake-up' was beneficial."

Scitex wins order of \$4.5m from Italy

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Scitex, the Herzliya-based manufacturer of computerized graphic systems, yesterday reported a \$4.5 million sale to an Italian publisher during the Drupa international printing show in Düsseldorf. The company also said it was in the midst of "serious negotiations" with several other customers for orders totalling \$7 million.

The sale, to the Italian concern Rizzoli, is a major shot in the arm for Scitex which reported a large loss last year. Scitex has pinned its hopes for a turnaround on a new line of products released just prior to Drupa. The fair is the world's largest exhibition for the printing industry and is held every four years.

By the time Drupa closes, some 350,000 people are expected to have visited. Scitex officials estimated yesterday that, if the first three days are an indication, some 40,000 people will visit their booth.

The company's latest line of products is so-called "office environment," providing users with all the power of larger systems without the need for a specially equipped computer room. The mini-computers which drive the sophisticated graphic producers Scitex has developed are housed under elegant Italian-designed office furniture.

Time to simplify the travel tax

FINE PRINT
SHLOMO MAOZ

government to break its word.

The Treasury made a handsome sum — \$150 million — off overseas travellers last year, and it won't give up this income easily. But the extra income was made at the expense of thousands of honest wage earners — travel agents and tour organizers — who suffered tremendous losses.

After all, the travel tax, which now stands at about \$120, is only one aspect of a crazy patchwork quilt of travel taxation. There is also a 20 per cent tax on the price of the ticket and a 33 per cent levy on ground services, such as car rental and organized tours purchased in Israel.

Besides the fact that the tax system is absurd, there are way to beat

it, and on that matter people have already learned every trick in the book. They have air tickets bought overseas to avoid the 20 per cent tax, and, with the black market dollar only 7 to 9 per cent higher than the official rate they pay for ground services when they get to their destination. Only the travel tax proper gets paid in full, and both state and travel agents lose out as a result.

The tax system should be simplified now, before the big rush starts, and replaced with a lower tax that won't force people to save money at the expense of local travel agents and the Treasury. The Treasury proposed simplifying the tax system last year, but the Knesset Finance Committee rejected the plan. A lot of these regulations were passed when the desperate state of the economy required quick — if not always the most well-thought-out measures. But now that the economy is back on more stable ground, it is time restore some sanity to the system.

Aviv Stock Exchange

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:

General Share Index	114.55	+0.35%
Non-Bank Index	131.78	+0.25%
Arrangement	106.93	+0.40%
Insurance	157.03	-1.02%
Commerce, Services	143.53	-0.44%
Real Estate	151.87	+0.40%
Industrials	123.61	+0.44%
Textiles	153.60	+0.39%
Metals	115.93	-0.27%
Electronics	103.50	+0.14%
Chemicals	125.74	+0.49%
Industrial Invest.	112.74	+0.59%
Investment Cos.	127.89	+0.64%
General Bond Index	105.49	+0.07%
Index-linked Bonds	108.12	+0.16%
Fully-linked	108.12	+0.22%
Partially-linked	104.74	+0.12%
Dollar-linked Bonds	98.62	-0.30%
Short-term 0-2 yrs	104.52	-0.09%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	104.74	+0.21%
Long-term 5+ yrs	104.43	-0.08%

Turnovers:

Shares — total	NIS 8,171,200
Arrangement	NIS 2,727,500
Non-bank	NIS 5,433,700
Bonds — total	NIS 6,620,200
Index-linked	NIS 4,892,600
Dollar-linked	NIS 2,027,600
Treasury Bills	NIS 9,256,100

Share Movements:

Advances	168	(182)
of which 5%+	30	(42)
"buyers only"	2	(3)
Declines	112	(91)
of which 5%+	15	(17)
"sellers only"	2	(0)
Unchanged	115	(113)
Trading Halt	40	(49)

Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked	Rises to 1%
3% fully-linked	Rises to 1%

4.25% fully-linked	Rises to 1%
80% linked	Rises to 1%
90% linked	Rises to 1%
Double-linked	Slight rise/falls to 2%
Dollar-linked:	
Admon	Slight Falls
Rimon	Falls to 1%
Gilboa	Falls to 1%
For. Curr.	Stable
Denominated	Stable
Treasury Bills	1.14% — 1.51%

Arrangement yields:

IDB ord.	11.35%
Union 0.1	10.88%
Discount A	11.34%
Mizrahi r	11.44%
Hapoalim r	11.68%
General A	11.47%
Leumi stock	11.43%
Fin. Trade 1	10.96%

SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Commercial Banks

Maritime 1	1105	1086
General non-arr.	27500	75
First in 7	3573	1543
FIBI	3710	3150

Commercial Banks

DBI	87700	553	+1.0
Union 0.1	60800	225	+1.2
Discount	104300	100	+0.1
Mizrahi	33560	795	+0.8
Hapoalim r	55100	881	+0.7
General A	141500	5	-1.1
Leumi 0.1	35210	1990	-0.3
Fin. Trade	47200	2.0	+1.2

Mortgage Banks

Leumi mort. r	4580	298	+4.1
Dev. Mort.	1130	3379	+4.6
Mishkan r	2030	36	-3.3
Tefahot r	11689	14	+1.7
Merav r	4160	657	+0.2

Financial Institutions

Agic C	41000	45	-
Ind. Dev. DD	64063	-	-
Cla Leasing 0.1	8150	83	+1.2

Insurance

Ararat 0.1 r	1050	563	+4.2
Hesrah r	481	5902	-0.8
Phoenix 0.1	1540	666	-0.6
Hamishmar	6670	-	-
Manorah 1	7999	10	-2.4
Sahar r	4200	204	-8.7
Zion Hold. 1	16780	3	-4.6

Trade & Services

Meir Ezra	4080	13	+1.0
Superior 2	4580	251	-
Delek r	5200	1922	-
Lightage	10000	65	+7.0
Cold Storage	1733	1539	+6.0
Dan Hotels	3800	64	-2.5
Yarden Hotel	2850	45	-
Hilton 1	13088	34	-
Team 1	1840	582	-0.5

Real Estate, Building and Agriculture

Azorim	5050	3020	-7.2
Elon	380	3500	-2.8
Africa Int. 0.1	34100	95	+1.5
Dankner	3880	178	-3.0
Prop. & Bldg.	2805	1148	+0.8
Bayeside 0.1	4118	107	-
ILDC r	48500	440	+3.3
Ressco r	5850	485	-
Mehadrin	8800	80	-
Hadarim	1035	4522	-

Industrials

Dubek b	3394	448	-
Pri-Za 1	2380	1032	+3.0
Sunifrost	7500	90	-
Elle	14000	50	+2.2
Adgar	785	3676	+2.7
Argaman r	12700	276	+2.6
Delta G 1	4520	245	-
Maquette 1	30070	52	+4.5
Eagle 1	11100	80	+0.9
Pogot 0.4	9370	121	+0.8
Schoelleria	12900	199	+1.6
Rogovin	3101	518	-
Union 0.1 r	10050	114	-1.4
Is. Can Co. 1	1042	6521	+4.2
Zion Cables	2079	757	-5.5
Pecker Steel	6780	783	-0.3
Elbit 3 r	435000	8	-

Elron

Art	379000	4	-
Cla Electronics	31300	162	+0.3
Spectronix 1	1850	5484	+2.5
T.A.T. 1	3180	276	-7.5
Adarstein 1	1530	532	-2.5
Agan 5	20200	220	+4.8
Alliance	1365	1218	+4.1
Dextar	3250	105	-
Fertilisers	5200	68	+1.0
Hafiz Chem.	853	1004	-0.2
Teva r	53400	16	-0.4
Dead Sea r	14970	865	+0.5
Petrochem.	485	3866	-2.2
Neca Chem.	3600	116	-
Frutaron	11850	20	-
Hedera Paper	174800	52	-
Central Trade	5930	200	-
Koor p	5200000	0	+1.0
Cla Inds.	1295	6523	+2.6

Investment Companies

IDB Dev. r	3610	1420	+1.0
Elion	2470	678	-
Afik 1	no trading	-	-
Gahetel	1275	40	+2.4
Israel Corp. 1	5045	118	-0.1
Wolfson 1 r	97500	4.6	-3.0
Hapoalim Inv.	4501	520	-
Leumi Invest.	no trading	-	-
Discount Invest.	2176	6314	+3.6
Mizrahi Invest.	14900	85	-
Cla 10	2270	788	-
Landeco 0.1	8165	114	+5.0
Pama 0.1	8840	100	-0.1

Oil Exploration

Paz Oil Expl.	12750	105	-
J.O.E.L.	1432	1068	+0.8

Abbreviations:

s.o. sellers only	b buyer
b.o. buyers only	r registered

DATA: EUROPE, U.S.

Israel Money Markets May 6, 1986

SHEKEL INTEREST RATES

PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	LAST UPDATED	TAPAS	PAKAM 7-DAY	PAKAM 30-DAY
LEUMI	5.5	8-15.75%	9-16%	9-16%
HAPOLIM	13.3	10-12%	11-12%	12-12.5%
DISCOUNT	8.4	0.6599	0.6881	0.6885
MIZRAHI	6.4	7-13%	7-13%	9-14%
FIRST INTL	12.3	6-13%	6-13%	6-13%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
(Tapas: demand deposit paying daily interest.
Pakam: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)

PATAH — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of May 6)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	8.250	8.250	8.375
STG	9.500	9.000	8.825
DMK	4.000	4.000	3.875
SFR	3.625	3.500	3.375
YEN	3.125	3.125	3.125

Rates vary according to size of deposit and are subject to change.

SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS	Banknotes	Bank of Israel Representative Rates
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1.4649	1.4831	1.4745
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	2.2413	2.2681	2.2619
GERMANY	MARK	0.6599	0.6881	0.6885
FRANCE	FRANC	0.2072	0.2098	0.2091
HOLLAND	GULDEN	0.5853	0.5925	0.5806
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	0.7918	0.8017	0.7984
SWEDEN	KRONA	0.2063	0.2068	0.2077
NORWAY	KRONE	0.2030	0.2116	0.2106
DENMARK	KRONE	0.1786	0.1809	0.1798
FINLAND	MARK	0.2933	0.2969	0.2950
CANADA	DOLLAR	1.0642	1.0774	1.0706
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1.0769	1.0923	1.0875
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	0.6895	0.7082	0.7041
BELGIUM	FRANC	0.3217	0.3257	0.3259
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	0.9384	0.9501	0.9467
ITALY	LIRE	0.9625	0.9744	0.9713
JAPAN	YEN	0.6735	0.6844	0.6804
JORDAN	DINAR	—	—	4.1913
EGYPT	POUND	—	—	0.8716

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European Financial Markets
Precious Metals

GOLD:	LONDON	A.M. FIX	341.55	P.M. FIX	340.40
	PARIS	NOON FIX	340.96	ZURICH P.M.	340.85

SILVER:	LONDON	FIX	514.50		
PLATINUM:	LONDON	P.M.	410.00		
PALLADIUM:	LONDON	P.M.	108.25		

FOREIGN CURRENCY CROSS RATES (London 15.30GMT)

Forward Rates	SPOT	3 MTHS	6 MTHS	12 MTHS
DEUTSCHE MARK	2.2085/00	83/78	123/118	240/230
POUND STERLING	1.5330/40	94/82	132/130	225/221
SWISS FRANC	1.8450/80	85/80	124/119	224/244
JAPANESE YEN	168.40/50	59/56	183/179	50/50
FRENCH FRANC	7.0400/75	90/110	120/140	230/250
ITALIAN LIRA	1516.25/25	1275/1400	1950/2100	3850/4050
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Message from Tokyo

IF nothing else, it was the terrorist rockets fired at — albeit without hitting — the Akasaka Palace in Tokyo which made certain that the Western summit held there would come down hard on terrorism before knocking down to the job of shoring up the Western economy.

But the rockets in fact only dramatized what had been almost universally acknowledged for years: that latter-day terrorism is a worldwide state-sponsored blight that can only be properly tackled by vigorous international effort. The changed nature of terrorism was pointed up nearly 14 years ago in the massacre carried out at Ben Gurion Airport by members of the Japanese "Red Army." It has amply been confirmed more recently in the spate of world-wide terrorist attacks whose origins have been traced back to Tripoli and Damascus.

With their aim focused mainly, but not exclusively, on Libya the seven Tokyo participants readily agreed to punish terrorist states by pledging to refuse to sell them arms. To limit the size of their diplomatic and consular missions and where necessary close them, while denying entry to suspected terrorists already expelled or excluded from other summit countries, improving extradition procedures, toughening up immigration and visa requirements and cementing police cooperation among security organizations engaged in the war on terrorism.

The adoption of these measures indicates that the U.S. air strikes against Libya last month, although they won at the time overt support from only one Western government, the British, have had some effect. This was in fact shown last week already in the decision of the European Community's foreign ministers to reduce the size and restrict the movements of the staffs of Libyan "People's Bureaux" in their capitals. But no West European government has yet committed itself to following the example of Britain which closed down the Libyan embassy in London after one of its members shot to death, from the embassy window, policewoman Yvonne Fletcher two years ago.

Indeed, even the Tokyo summit does not commit its participants to severing diplomatic ties with Libya forthwith. And the expulsion of Libyan students, even those among them studying sensitive subjects such as aeronautics, was left by the summit to the discretion of the participants. Again, the British example has not gained any following.

More decisive measures will have to be taken by the West if Libya and other sponsors of terrorism are to be deterred — and if the U.S. is to be prevailed upon by its own allies to desist from further, and harsher, strikes against the vipers' nests.

Libya certainly does not stand alone as the sponsor of terrorism. The recent attempted blowup of the El Al airliner, and other attacks, are credited to Syrian initiative. Soviet-backed Syria is a harder nut to crack than Libya, but it can hardly be ignored in any genuine campaign to defeat terrorism. In the final analysis, the only way to avoid war is that which Franklin D. Roosevelt advised the West European democracies to adopt in the face of the Nazi threat back in 1938: "Quarantine the aggressor." The advice fell on deaf ears, and isolationist America itself was not too keen to embrace it as national policy. Today, an international-minded U.S. is willing, and able, to lead the fight for world order. It deserves support from all free civilized nations.

Who needs it?

GRABBING headlines with discreet leaks or indiscreet pronouncements is a favourite stratagem of politicians. Newsmen are the all-too-willing instruments for the ploy. For they persuade themselves that responsibility lies with the source and not with them.

The game is played to the hilt in Israeli politics, and there is no guide for a perplexed citizenry — and often the players themselves — to distinguish between real and media events.

But in the Jewish world, the game is not limited to Israel. It embraces Diaspora politicians as well, especially in the U.S. and especially in New York, the headquarters for most Jewish organizations and the seat of the American media. If the topic is racy enough, publicity there is available at a nod, with instant world exposure.

The latest example was provided during the past weekend by American Jewish Committee executive Marc Tannenbaum. He told a New York newspaper that two high church officials had assured him that the Vatican would "soon" recognize Israel.

If true, the Vatican would surely not appreciate the advance publicity. If not true, it will hurt. In either case no Jewish or Israeli interest was served by the ostensible disclosure. But after the pope's visit to the Rome synagogue, the story promised a sure headline.

In the patient calendar of the church, "soon" does not signify urgency. It may not even denote temporality. However, in the impatient desire for publicity by a Jewish official, it works.

If Rome has time, so has Jerusalem. Meanwhile, relations between Israel and the Vatican proceed, and on many levels. They require no headline-toting amplifiers.

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The report also did not make the current state of the reactor completely clear.

In describing the accident, it said: "The reactor was damaged. Part of the radioactivity was discharged upwards and then a fire started inside."

According to an English-language translation by the Tass news agency, *Pravda* said the fire "is extremely difficult to put out, as it was impossible to use water or any chemicals to extinguish it."

In Stockholm, a Swedish nuclear expert said that the Soviet Union's latest account of the accident showed that the worst imaginable sequence of events took place at the stricken plant.

Lars Hogberg, deputy head of Sweden's nuclear power inspection board, said that the description provided by *Pravda* still left basic questions unanswered.

He said that the *Pravda* story indicated "the accident could hardly have been worse in terms of emissions."

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be changed to allow the governor of the Bank of Israel to fire the bank chiefs.

Banking sources not connected with the bank shares collapse have warned that if the directors insist on staying at their jobs they could cause great damage to the banking system.

The system has great difficulties in the sphere of taxation, and a delay in resignations could only make matters worse.

Observers in Jerusalem have expressed wonder at the willingness of the banks' boards to allow directors, to struggle to maintain their positions, instead of making way for new directors who could work to strengthen the system and its credibility.

Cabinet ministers said recently that the directors would have to resign, that there was no choice. It was only a matter of time, they said in the cabinet.

THE RECENT nuclear disaster in the Soviet Union should not have come as a great surprise to anyone who has studied the proliferation of nuclear facilities. Since the early '60s experts have been computing the probabilities of such disasters. Given the possibility of mechanical malfunction, the possibility of human error and the possibility of overt action in the form of military action or sabotage, they have all concluded that sooner or later there will be nuclear accidents and that while these accidents may be minimized, they cannot be avoided.

And now it has happened, but what is the reaction of the world? Everyone is assuaging their fear and their anger by blaming the Soviet Union for not having released the information, which they indeed should have done.

But even if we hypothesize that the Russians had indeed behaved with candour and honour, and immediately contacted the surrounding countries and told them about the disaster, just what would they have been able to do about it?

The only thing that would be effective is to put the entire population of the affected areas (and no one really knows just how far that extends) into nuclear bomb shelters. Of course, no single state has anywhere near the facilities to do so. What it would have given the various governments time to do would have been to invent a few more lies and half truths in order to calm the public.

Once the monitors discerned that there had been a nuclear accident in the area, the only thing anyone did to ease the public apprehension was hand them mega-doses of nonsense — a collection of advice just about as effective as taking an aspirin for a case of terminal cancer.

First of all, they warned, don't drink milk. This makes sense on the surface since the grass the cows eat may be contaminated. But even more important it gives frightened parents the illusion that they are able to do something, anything, to protect their children. No one mentions that if the grass is contaminated then the animals that eat meat have taken on their own load of contaminated grass and that every vegetable harvested from the fields is also just as contaminated as is the grass. Not of course to mention the water from lakes and streams that is diverted for drinking water, or the fish and other

water creatures that find their way to the table.

The second bit of advice is to keep the children indoors and not let them run about in the open air. This assumes that the air outside is not the same air that enters the building. Even air conditioning does not filter out radioactivity unless it is a very, very special and expensive filter and the room is otherwise totally airtight including spaceship-type double air lock entrances. Once again it gave the public the feeling that they were doing something.

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laration," the group agreed to try to quell turbulence in monetary markets, attacked protectionism, and recognized the need to readjust farm subsidies. But they did not spell out an action programme.

After issuing their communiqué, summit leaders and their spouses changed to tuxedos and glittering evening gowns for the gala banquet at the Imperial Palace, set amid a vast, moat-surrounded park in the centre of Tokyo.

Politics eclipsed economics the first two days of the summit with Thatcher and Reagan winning approval for the anti-terrorism statement, which promised measures to

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more people will die of cancer in the next decade or so, but not to worry. If our own monitors picked up a rise in the contamination level, well that just means we have very sensitive monitors, that's all.

And in the meantime we in Israel are going ahead with our plans to acquire at almost any cost a few reactors of our own to generate electricity. This despite the fact that we are on the Svo-African rift and therefore more earthquake prone than many other countries, that we are a constant target for hostile actions both terrorist and military, and that more than all that, we are a very small country with no friendly neighbours.

If Israel had an accident at one of the proposed nuclear power stations, just where could we evacuate the people? And just how many would need to be evacuated? And over what sized area? In the U.S. where there was a much smaller accident than the present Soviet event, they evacuated over 80 square kilometres. No one knows how much area they evacuated in the Soviet Union and no one knows if it was enough.

ACCORDING to a number of surveys, there is no country in the world with the facilities to protect its population in case of a serious nuclear disaster and no health service in the world geared to take proper care of the number of possible casualties, both immediate and delayed, nor is there an army in the world equipped to effectively handle the necessary decontamination of a large area.

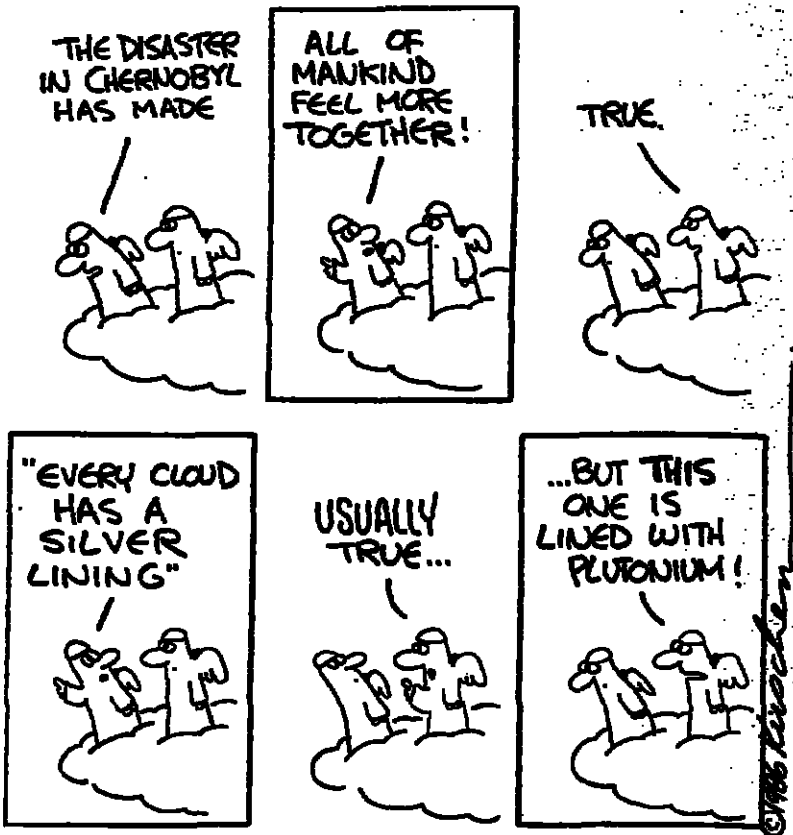
As long as these facilities are in operation, there are going to be disasters. We cannot prevent them. There is, however, one thing we can do and that is to decide whether it is ever going to have a chance of happening here.

This is not a matter for decision by the government alone nor is it something to be taken on the advice of the experts, most of whom have a vested interest in the advance of nuclear technology in Israel. It means more jobs in their professions and more grants for nuclear research.

This is a matter that the public has a right to decide because in the end it is a matter affecting the future of every man, woman and child in the country.

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Dry Bones



READERS' LETTERS

CALL TO MODERN ORTHODOXY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir: — To a certain extent, David Krivine's article, "Widening rift" (April 23) may be seen as a counter to Ya'acov Vainstein's disingenuous claim, on the same page, that "recent manifestations of animosity towards religious Jews" are due to the decline in the secularists' Jewish and Zionist identity and values. But Krivine writes (so far as I'm aware) as a non-observant Jew, so there may be room for a response by someone who, like Vainstein, sees herself as observant.

It is always easier to blame one's opponents, rather than scrutinize one's own values and practices and this is what Rabbi Vainstein undoubtedly does. More in sorrow than in anger, he points to increasing alienation from religious Judaism, calling upon all and sundry to acquaint themselves with religious life and practice.

Has he ever paused to examine the actions of those ultra-Orthodox Jews whose lack of tolerance and insistence on imposing their particular views on others have undoubtedly contributed to secular antagonism? Has he paused to ask himself how non-observant Jews, who serve in the armed forces and are prepared to die for their country, regard those who evade service by studying in yeshivot? Their number, according to a recent Knesset statement, is now equivalent to a whole IDF division. Furthermore, there are reports that even the Zionist Bnei Akiva yeshivot increasingly urge pupils to continue yeshiva study, rather than join the *hader* army-plus-study units.

Does Dr. Vainstein know how Halacha is distorted in many of the country's rabbinical courts? How many women whose husbands refuse to divorce them have not benefited from any solution comparable to that so amazingly discovered for husbands in a similar position, namely permission to take a second wife

without divorcing the first? How does Rabbi Vainstein relate to the Minister of Interior's refusal to introduce summer time, a measure calculated to benefit the entire nation during the long, hot summer months — a refusal based on the alleged convenience of a small minority and running directly counter to judicial recommendations?

How did the writer react when an ultra-Orthodox MK ascribed deaths in Lebanon to the moral laxity of women soldiers? Or when another MK of the same party blamed the tragic death of innocent school children on Sabbath desecration in their home town? Or when ultra-Orthodox "terrorists" burned bus stations?

In urging meetings between secular and religious youngsters, is Rabbi Vainstein aware of the opposition to such meetings expressed by those in charge at the Religious Education Division of the Ministry of Education?

Isn't it rather naive to suggest that the secularists are breaking agreements when the religious parties continually renege on their promises to urge passage of the divisive "Who is a Jew" legislation?

Instead of joining forces with the extremists, Rabbi Vainstein should join forces with middle-of-the-road modern Orthodox, with those fighting a lone battle against extremism on both sides. Rabbi Gamliel said: "Excellent is study of the Law together with worldly occupation...But all study of the Law without labour comes to naught at the last..." "Tora im Derech Eretz" is as valid an ideal in modern Israel as in the times of our Sages or in the Germany of Samson Raphael Hirsch. It behooves those of us who wish to live by this ideal to speak out loud and clear, without fear of reprisal or opprobrium from either the right or the left.

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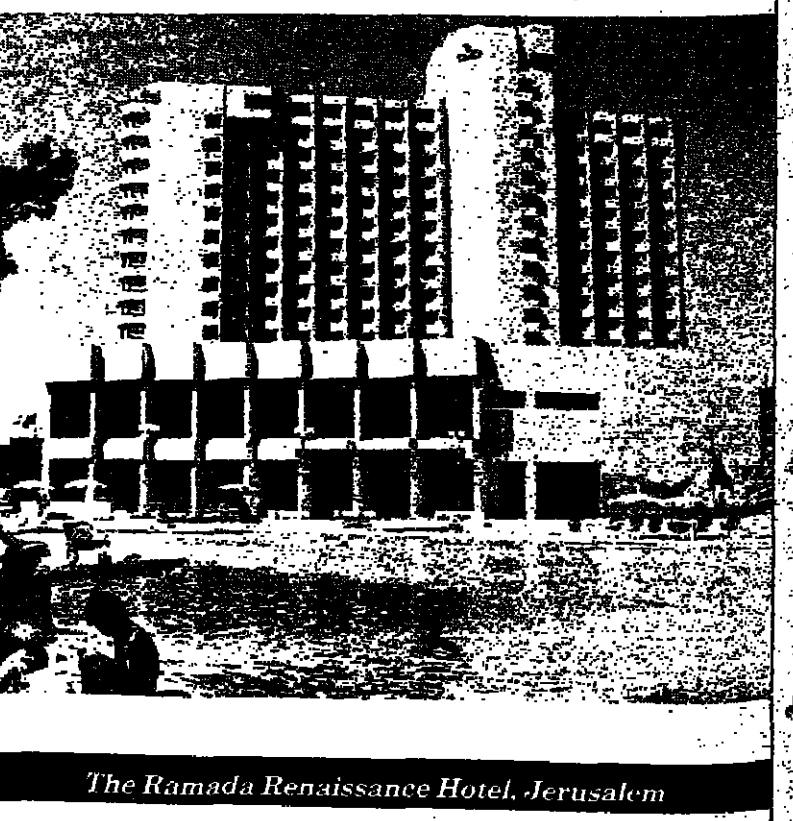
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